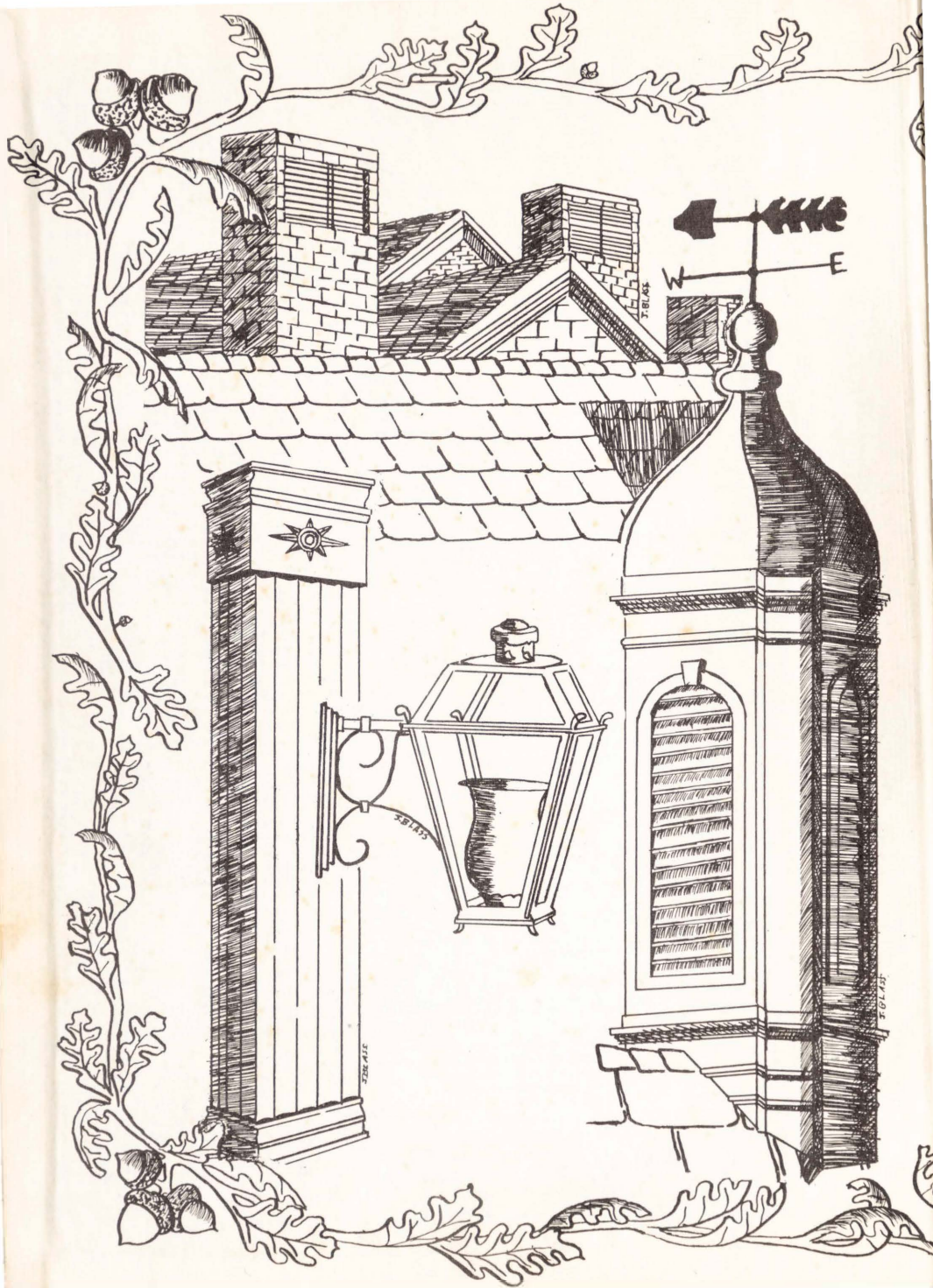
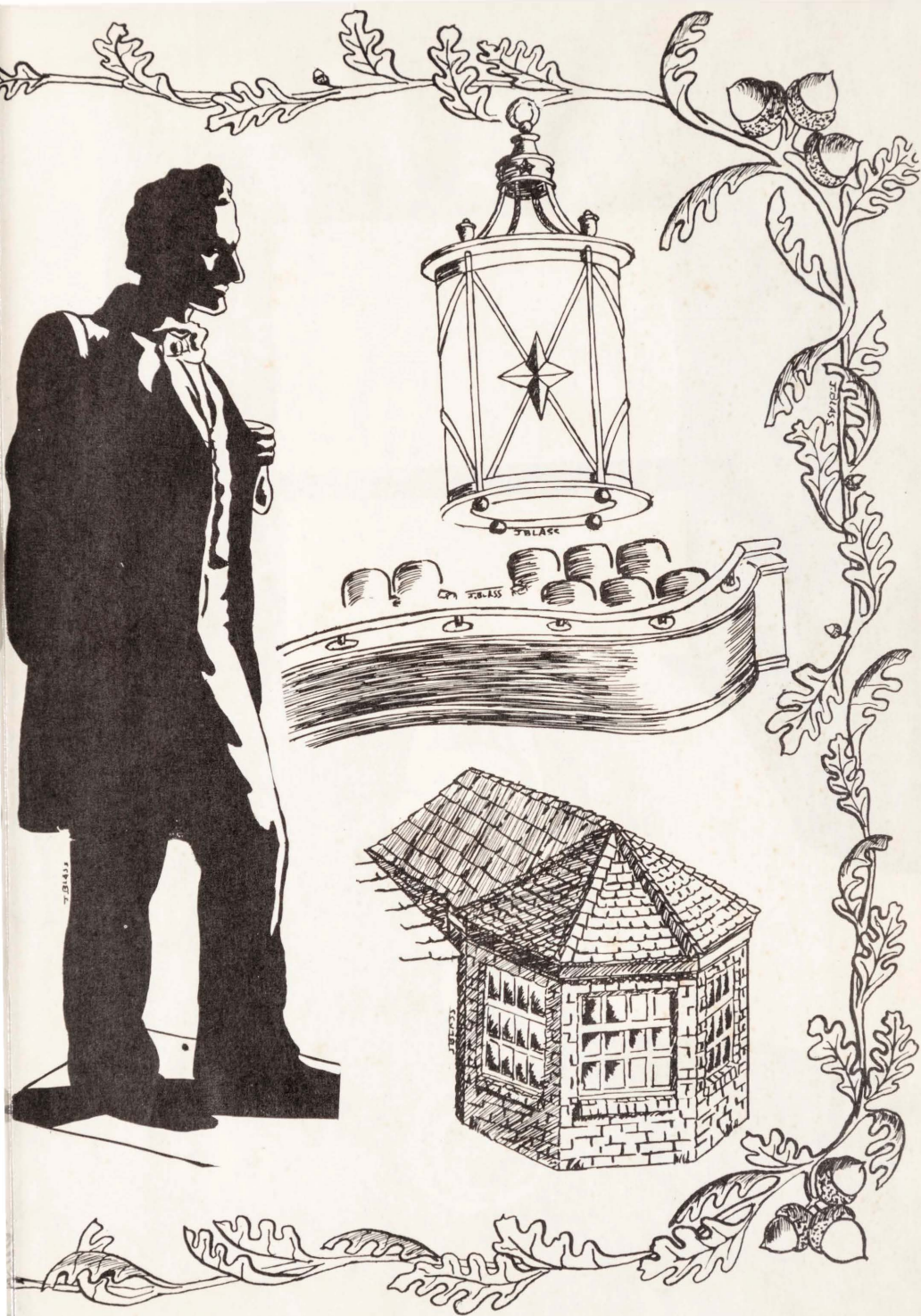


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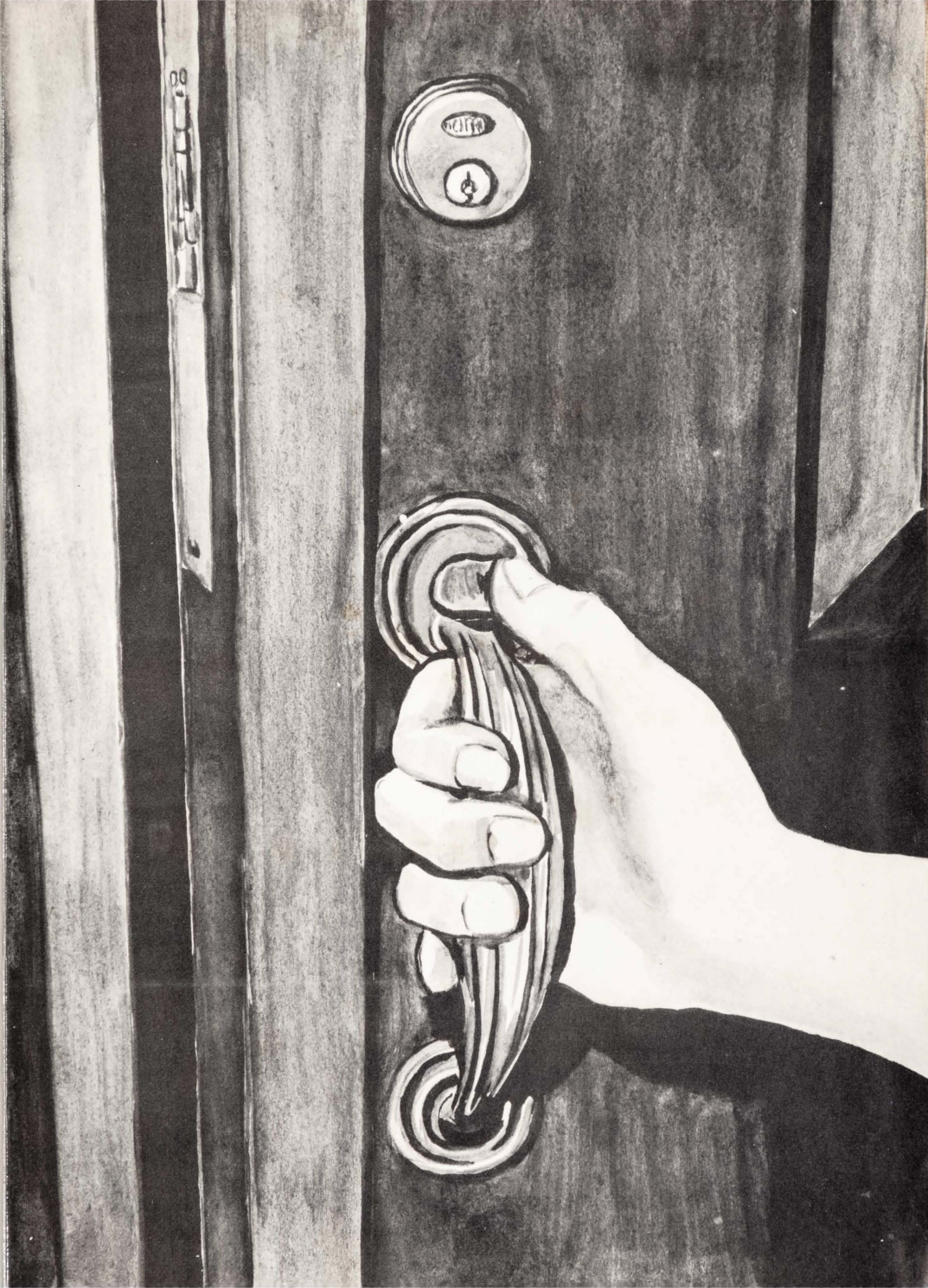
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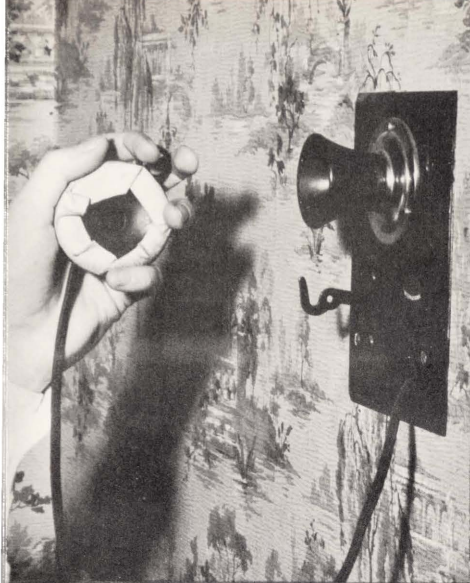
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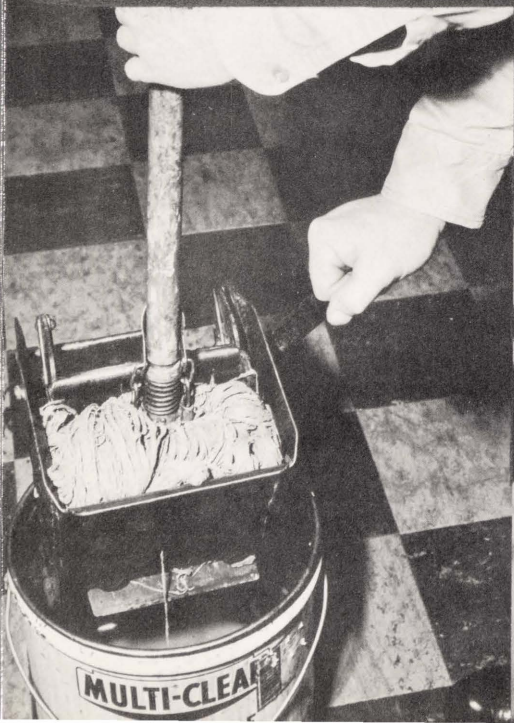


to Mrs. Elaine C. Scriber

in appreciation of her services as an adviser of the Student Council,
director of the Junior Assembly, and in recognition of her ability
as a teacher of Civics and United States History.



administration



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Dr. Paul W. Stoddard has served as principal of the Housatonic Valley Regional High School since it opened in the fall of 1939. Under his guidance, the school has achieved a scholastic and community standing of which the Regional District can well be proud.

The purpose of the Regional District has been to provide educational facilities that the individual towns could not afford. The Regional High School Board, the administration, and the faculty have all directed their efforts to fulfill this aim.

The school has grown so greatly in the past sixteen years that an addition was started in the fall of 1950 and completed in 1952. We also have secured a spacious auditorium, with an organ largely financed by student funds and donations. The auditorium was completed at Christmas, 1952, with the organ installed later and dedicated in 1954. The addition of the new wing and the auditorium has provided the most modern facilities for our fast-growing school.



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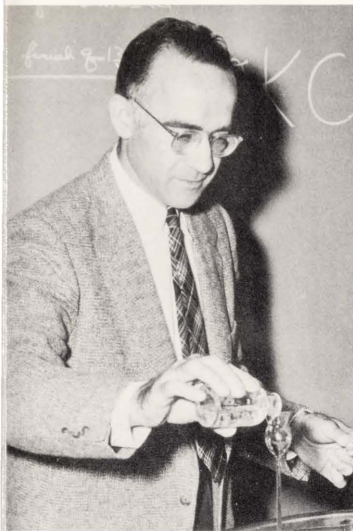
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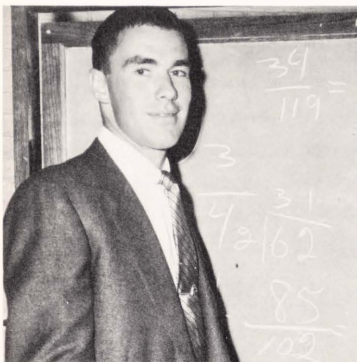


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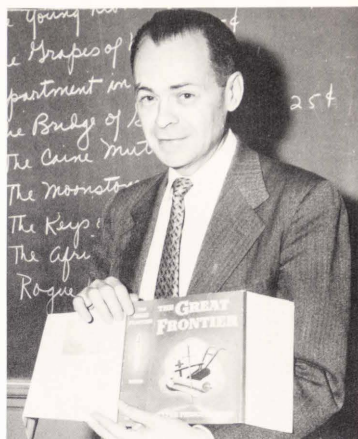
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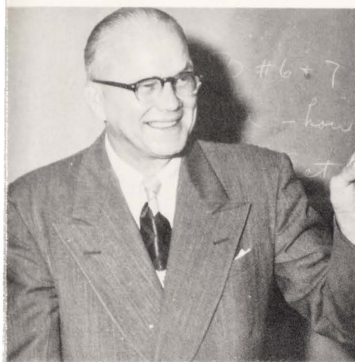
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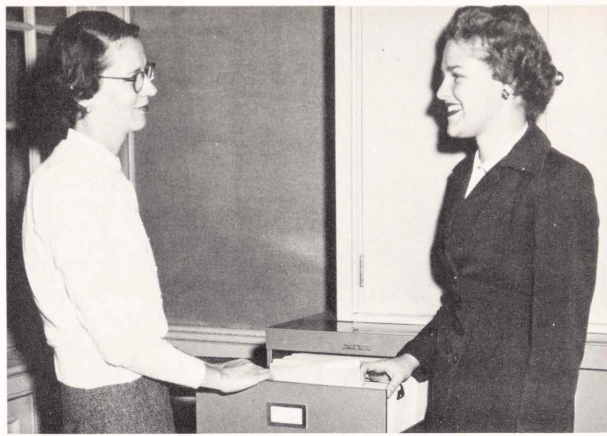
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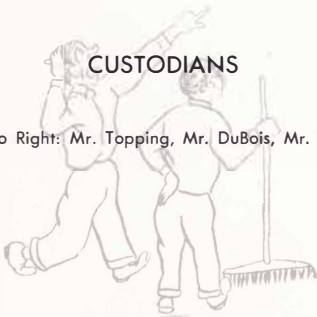
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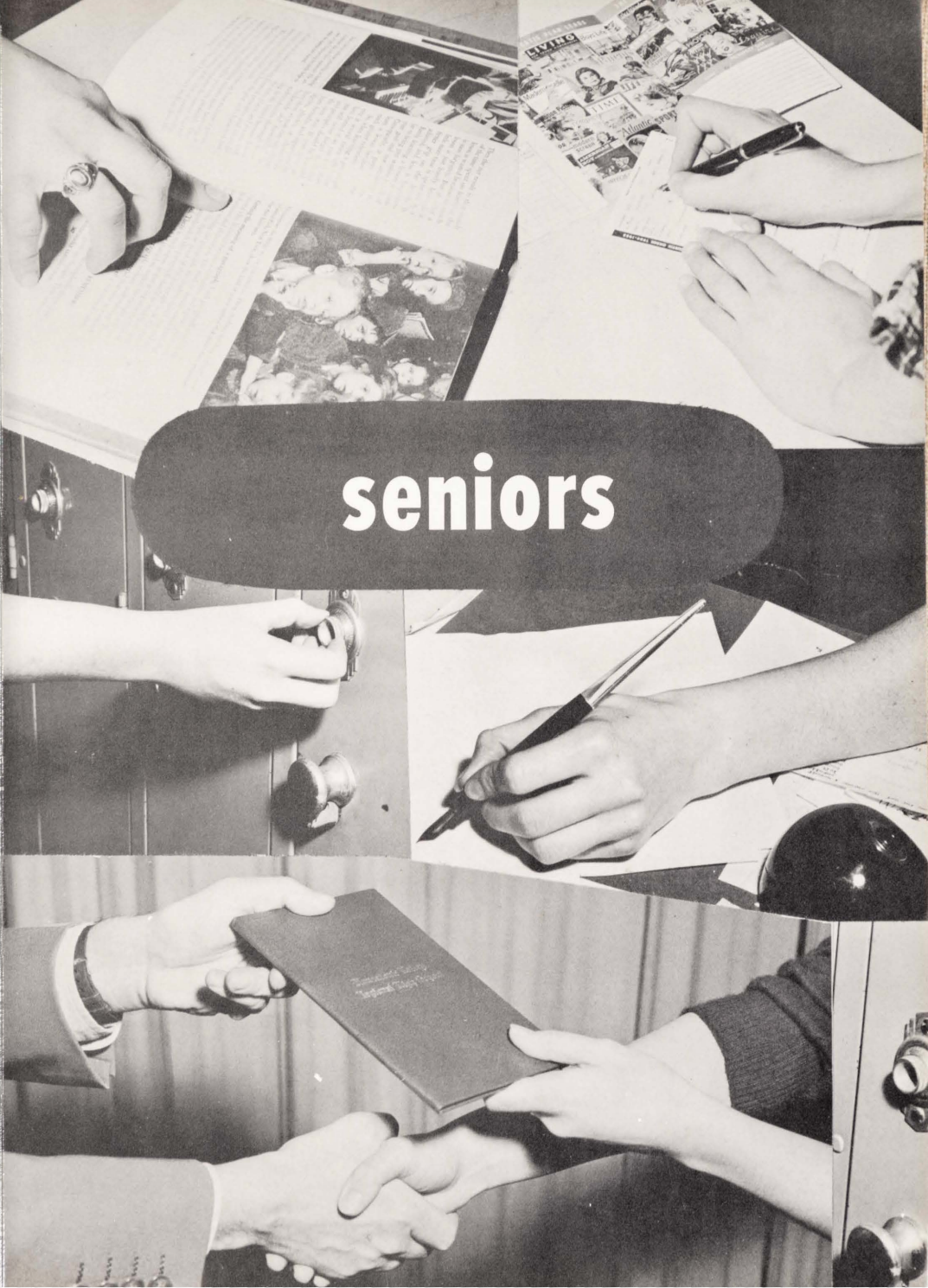
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Left to Right: Mr. Topping, Mr. DuBois, Mr. Doty.





seniors



JOAN MILDRED AAKJAR
Sharon
General Course
Aakjar

Mixed Chorus 1; Allied Youth 2, 3; NORTHWEST CORNER 3; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Junior Assembly Cast; Homeroom Vice-president 1; Junior Prom Crown-bearer; Art Service Club 3, Secretary and Vice-president 4; Intramurals 2; Football Hop 3; Junior Prom; Senior Ball; Ar-gyle Fling.



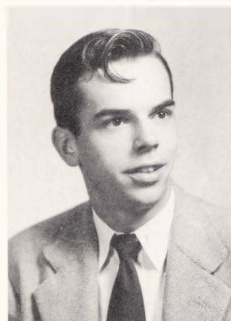
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Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 2, 4; Girls' Chorus 3. Allied Youth 2, 3; Roman Banquet 3; Junior Prom; Junior Assembly Cast; Senior Ball; Pep Club 1.



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FFA 1, 2, Secretary 3, 4; X-Country Squad; Allied Youth 3, 4; Junior Assembly Cast.



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Goshen
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Sheffield
Classical Course
Pam

Mixed Chorus 1, 3; Girls' Chorus 2; Litchfield Music Festival 2; Dramatic Club 1; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; French Club 4; Science Club 3, 4; Junior Assembly Cast; WHITE OAK; Homeroom Treasurer 1, 2, Vice-president 3; Football Hop Committee; Junior Prom; Senior Ball; Roman Banquet 3; Dedication Chorus 3.



JOHN LEWIS BLASS
Canaan
Industrial Arts Course
Sam

Intramurals 1; Art Service Club 1, 2; Dramatic Club 4; WHITE OAK; Junior Assembly Cast; Senior Play Committee.



Kitchen Kapers



STANLEY JOHN BRADY
Canaan
General Course
Stan

Homeroom President 1; Intramurals 1; Junior Assembly Cast; Mixed Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Dedication Chorus 3; All-State Chorus 4; Barbersharpers 1, 2, 3, 4; Dance Band 4; Magazine Drive Co-captain 4.



DOROTHEA CYNTHIA BRAZZALE
Salisbury
General Course
Cyn

Homeroom Secretary 1; Civics Club Secretary 1; Science Club 2, Reporter 3; Allied Youth 2, 3; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Intramurals 1, 4; Homeroom Treasurer 3; NORTHWEST CORNER 3; Junior Assembly Cast; Junior Prom Committee; Senior Ball.



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Cornwall
General Course
Barb

Mixed Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 2, 3; Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4; Senior Ball.



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Kenny

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WALTER ALOYSIUS CARLIN
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General Course
Walt

Mixed Chorus 3; NORTHWEST CORNER 3; Debating Club 1, 2, 3, President 4; Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatic Club 4. Transferred from Saint Benedict's Preparatory School, Newark, New Jersey 3.





CLEMENTINE THERESE
CECCHINATO
North Canaan
Secretarial Course
Bunny

Civics Club Vice-president 1; Intramurals 1, 2, 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Allied Youth 2; Girls' Chorus 2, 3; Mixed Chorus 4; JV Basketball Cheerleader 2; Varsity 3; Junior Prom Attendant; Junior Assembly Cast; Senior Ball Committee; Homeroom Secretary 1.



ANNA LENA COLLI
North Canaan
General Course
CoCo

Pep Club 1, 2, 3, President 4; Intramurals 1, 2, 4; FHA 1; Science Club 3; Science Night Committee; Homeroom President 1, Secretary 2, 3; Junior Prom Queen; Junior Assembly Cast; Senior Ball.



MARGARITA ELIZABETH
CONKLIN
Sharon
General Course
Marge

Dramatic Club 1, 2; Mixed Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Girls' Chorus 1, 2, 3; Pep Club 2; Latin Club 2; Pen and Scroll 2; NORTHWEST CORNER 2; Roman Banquet 3; All-State Chorus 3; Intramurals 4.



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General Course
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Civics Club 1; Art Service Club 3; Allied Youth 3, 4; Pep Club 3, 4.

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General Course
Carol

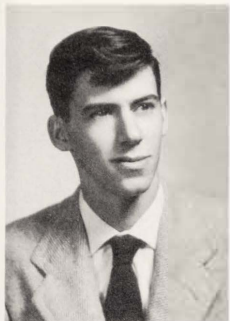
Girls' Chorus 1, 2, 3; Mixed Chorus 3, 4; Dramatic Club 1, 2; Pen and Scroll 3; Junior Prom; Senior Ball; Pep Club 2, 4.



ALICE LINDA DEAN
Salisbury
Classical Course
Linda

Band 1, 2; All-New England Orchestra 1; Mixed Chorus 1, 3; Girls' Chorus 2; All-State Band 3; Dramatic Club 1, 2; Pep Club 2, 3; Junior Prom; Junior Assembly; Art Service Club 2, 3, 4; Science Club 3, 4; Senior Ball; WHITE OAK.





DUKE LAWRENCE DONSBOUGH
North Canaan
Classical Course
Duke

Transferred from Chandler, Arizona 4; Varsity Football 4; Varsity Basketball 4; Varsity Club 4.



HELENA MARY DOWER
North Canaan
Secretarial Course
Helena

Dramatic Club 1; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; NORTHWEST CORNER 3; Latin Club 2; Homeroom Treasurer 2; Sophomore Corridor Dance; Intramurals 2; Roman Banquet 3; Girls' Chorus 2; Junior Prom; Science Club 4; WHITE OAK; Senior Ball; Junior Assembly Cast.



ELIZABETH MABEL DUFOUR
Salisbury
General Course
Betty

Allied Youth 2, 3; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatic Club 1; Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4; Girls' Chorus 2; Senior Ball; JV Basketball Cheerleader 2, Varsity 3.



PETER MICHAEL FALLON
North Canaan
Industrial Arts Course
Pete

Mixed Chorus 2; Barbersharpers 2, 3; Intramurals 2; Senior Ball; Allied Youth 4.

GWYNNE IRIS GILLETTE
North Canaan
General Course
Gwynne

Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4; Allied Youth 2, 3; Art Service Club, Secretary 4; Senior Ball; Junior Prom; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; JV Basketball Cheerleader 3, Varsity 4; Junior Assembly Cast; Sophomore Corridor Dance; Junior Prom Attendant.



CATHERINE GERTRUDE GOBILLLOT
Sharon
General Course
Cathy

Intramurals 4; Pep Club 3, 4.



"Don't break that chair!"



BARBARA AGNES GOODNOW
Salisbury
General Course
Barb

Mixed Chorus 1; Dramatic Club 1; Pep Club 1, 2, 3; Allied Youth 2, 3, 4; Homeroom President 2; Secretary 3; Sophomore Corridor Dance; Junior Assembly; NORTHWEST CORNER 2, 3; Junior Prom; Football Hop 3.



AUGUST NICHOLAS GRAF, JR.
North Canaan
Industrial Arts Course
Nicky

Track 3, 4; Senior Class Vice-president; Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4.



DANIEL WALDRON HALL
North Canaan
Classical Course
Danny

Varsity Football 3, 4; Varsity Basketball 3, Co-captain 4; Varsity Baseball 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 1; AVA 1, 2, Secretary 3, 4; Varsity Club 3, 4; Junior Class President; Homeroom President 3; Senior Ball Co-chairman; Student Council 3, President 4; Honor Society 4.



CATHERINE HANF
Cornwall
Classical Course
Cathy

Intramurals 1, 2; Mixed Chorus 1, 2, 4; Girls' Chorus 3; Dedication Chorus 3; All-State Chorus 3; Dramatic Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 1, 2; Allied Youth 2; Pen and Scroll 2, 3; Homeroom Secretary 1, President 2; Sophomore Corridor Dance Co-chairman; Junior Assembly Cast; Laurel Girls' State 3; WHITE OAK; Senior Play Committee.

CEDRIC BRAMAN HARDY
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Industrial Arts Course
Tex

Intramurals 1, 3, 4; JV Basketball 2, Varsity 3, 4; JV Baseball 2; Public Speaking Club Vice-president 2; Junior Assembly Cast; Junior Prom; Senior Ball Committee; Homeroom Vice-president 2.



FAYE EVELYN HARMON
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Secretarial Course
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Band 1; Homeroom President 1; Homeroom Secretary 2; FHA 1; Guidance Committee 2; Student Council 1, 2, 3; Secretary 4; NORTHWEST CORNER 2, News Editor 3; Sophomore Corridor Dance Committee; Allied Youth 3; Pep Club 2, 3; Carnival Carousel Co-chairman 3; Freshman Handbook Committee 3, Chairman 4; Junior Prom Attendant; Spaghetti Dinner Committee 3, 4; WHITE OAK; Football Hop Committee 2, 4; Honor Society 4.



Walking the halls



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Cornwall
Classical Course
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Homeroom Vice-president 1; Intramurals 1, 2; Student Council 2, 3, 4; Homeroom President 2; Science Club 3; Co-chairman Corridor Dance 2; Nutmeg Boys' State 3; Co-chairman Carnival Carousel 3; Junior Class Treasurer; Junior Assembly Cast; Debating Club Vice-president 4; JV Basketball 2; Spaghetti Supper Co-chairman 4; WHITE OAK; Homeroom Vice-president 3; Honor Society 4.



DAVID LOUIS HOLMES
Salisbury
Industrial Arts Course
Curly

Civics Club 1; Intramurals 1; Orchestra 1, 2, 3, 4; Junior Band 1; Band 2, 3, 4; Allied Youth 3, 4.



BEATRICE JANE HUMES
North Canaan
General Course
Bea

Pep Club 3, 4.

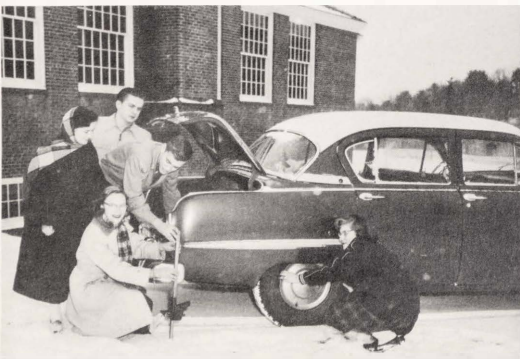


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Sharon
Classical Course
Candy

Homeroom Secretary 1, 2; Intramurals 1, 2; Dramatic Club 1; Pep Club 2; Mixed Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Girls' Chorus 2, 3; Litchfield Music Festival 2; All-State Chorus 4; Laurel Girls' State 3; Science Club 3, President 4; Junior Prom; Sophomore Corridor Dance; Roman Banquet 3; Junior Assembly Cast; Debating Club 4; Dedication Chorus 3; WHITE OAK.

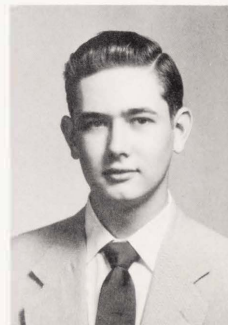
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Classical Course
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Mixed Chorus 1, 2, 4; Latin Club 2; Pen and Scroll 2, 3; Science Club 3, Secretary-Treasurer 4; French Club 3, Secretary 4; Roman Banquet 3; Junior Prom Committee; Junior Assembly Cast; Senior Ball Co-chairman; NORTHWEST CORNER 4; Honor Society 4; Salutatorian 4.



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Canaan
Classical Course
Koffee

Civics Club 1; AVA 2, 3, 4; Public Speaking Club Treasurer 2; Allied Youth 3, President 4; Intramurals 1; Debating Club 4; Science Club 3; Vice-president 4; WHITE OAK; Junior Assembly Cast; Pep Club 4; Latin Club 1, 2; Roman Banquet 3; Senior Ball; Sophomore Corridor Dance.





BETTE MAY KYLE
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Secretarial Course
Bet

Girls' Chorus 1, 2; Mixed Chorus 2, 3, 4; Litchfield County Music Festival 1, 2; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Allied Youth 3; FHA 1; Intramurals 1, 2, 3; Sophomore Corridor Dance; Junior Prom; Senior Ball.



PETER ARTHUR LAMB
Sharon
General Course
Sharty

AVA 1, 2, 3, Foreman 4; Varsity Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity Basketball 2, 3, Co-captain 4; Varsity Football 3, 4; Allied Youth 3; Varsity Club 2, 3, President 4.



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North Canaan
Classical Course
Millie

WHITE OAK, Senior Class Treasurer; Student Council 4; Senior Ball; Football Cheerleader 2, 4; Roman Banquet 3; Science Club 3; Junior Prom; Junior Assembly Co-chairman and Cast; Pep Club 1, 2, Representative 3, 4; Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4; Sophomore Corridor Dance; FHA 1; Allied Youth 2; Homeroom Secretary 2; Football Hop Committee 4; Guidance Committee 2.



SHEILA LEHNERT
Sharon
General Course
Sheila

FHA 1; Mixed Chorus 1; Intramurals 2; Junior Assembly Cast; Allied Youth 4; Senior Ball; Pep Club 2, 3, 4.

ELEANOR MARY MANSIR
North Canaan
Classical Course
Eleanor

Civics Club 1; NORTHWEST CORNER 1, 2, 3; Junior Public Speaking Club 2; Latin Club 2; Intramurals 2; Allied Youth 2; Pep Club 2, 3, 4; Junior Assembly Cast; Junior Prom; Roman Banquet 3; Laurel Girls' State 3; Science Club 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 3, 4; Dramatic Club 1, 4; French Club 4; Debating Club 4; Senior Ball Committee.



WALTER LOUIE MATSON
Kent
General Course
Wally

Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity Football 2, 3, 4; WHITE OAK; Basketball 2; Baseball 1, 2; Junior Assembly Cast; Senior Ball; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Orchestra 1, 2, 3, 4.



Locker Laughter



MARGARET HOLLEY McLANE
Salisbury
Homemaking Course
Merge

Mixed Chorus 2; FHA 3, President 4; Pep Club 2; Junior Prom.



JAMES ROBERT MILLER
North Canaan
Industrial Arts Course
Tiny

Varsity Football 2, 3, Co-captain 4; Basketball Manager 2, 3; Varsity Club 3, Vice-president 4; Weight Lifting 4; Junior Assembly Cast; Senior Ball; Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 3, 4.



WALLACE MYRON MILLIES
Salisbury
Industrial Arts Course
Wally

Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4; JV Baseball 1, 2; Chess Club 2; Junior Prom; Senior Ball; Junior Assembly Cast.

FREDERICA HUXHAM MILLS
Salisbury
Classical Course
Fritzie

Dramatic Club 1, Secretary 3, President 4; Allied Youth 2; Pen and Scroll 2, 3; Girls' Chorus 2, 3; Mixed Chorus 3, 4; French Club Treasurer 3, President 4; Debating Club 3; All-State Band 4; Pep Club 2; Homeroom President 3; Junior Assembly; Junior Prom; Senior Ball; Intramurals 3; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Orchestra 1, 2, 3, 4; Roman Banquet 3; Operetta 3; Dedication Chorus 3; Octet 3; American Field Service Exchange Student 3; WHITE OAK, Assistant Editor; Honor Society 4.
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CAROLINE ELIZABETH MONROE
Cornwall
General Course
Kari

Majorette 4; Mixed Chorus 4; Senior Ball.
Transferred from Kenwood High School, Baltimore, Maryland 4.



MILLICENT AMY MOORE
Canaan
Classical Course
Molly

Homeroom Vice-president 1; Intramurals 1, 2, 3; Civics Club 1; Mixed Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatic Club 1, 2, 3, Vice-president 4; Allied Youth 2; JV Basketball Cheerleader 2; Varsity Basketball Cheerleader Captain 3; Football Cheerleader 4; Pep Club 2, 3, 4; Pen and Scroll 3; Junior Assembly Cast; Dedication Chorus 3; Roman Banquet 3; French Club 3, Vice-president 4; All-State Chorus 4; Junior Prom; Senior Ball; Honor Society 4.





MILES JOSEPH NOVY
Goshen
Classical Course
Smiles

Homeroom Vice-president 2; Treasurer 3; Allied Youth 2, 3; NORTHWEST CORNER 2, 3; Varsity Track 2; Varsity Basketball Manager 3; Varsity Football 3, 4; AVA 2, 3, 4; Junior Assembly Cast; Science Club 3; Debating Club 4; Junior Prom; Senior Ball Committee; Varsity Club 4; WHITE OAK; Honor Society 4. Transferred from P. S. 118, New York City 2.



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Salisbury
Industrial Arts Course
Willy

Senior Ball; Civics Club 1; Intramurals 1, 2, 3; Junior Public Speaking Club, President 2; Allied Youth 2, 3, 4; Homeroom Treasurer 3; Sophomore Corridor Dance; Track Manager 2, 3.



JOAN DOROTHY PATCHEN
Salisbury
Classical Course
Joan

Science Club 3, 4; WHITE OAK; Debating Club 3; Latin Club 2; Roman Banquet 3; Intramurals 1, 2, 4; Girls' Chorus 2; Mixed Chorus 1, 2, 4; Litchfield County Music Festival 2; Pep Club 2, 3, 4; Allied Youth 2; Laurel Girls' State 3; Junior Public Speaking Club 2; Senior Ball; Junior Prom; Honor Society 4.



LOIS ANN PEIRCE
North Canaan
General Course
Lo

Homeroom President 1; NORTHWEST CORNER 1, 2, 4; Dramatic Club 1, 3, 4; Dramatic Festival 3; Intramurals 1, 2, 3; Sophomore Corridor Dance; Allied Youth 2; Latin Club 3; Roman Banquet 3; Mixed Chorus 3, 4; Pep Club 2, 3, 4; Junior Assembly Cast; Junior Prom; Operetta Cast 3; Science Club 4; Senior Ball Committee; Debating Club 4.

HELEN WILMA PETERSEN
Cornwall
General Course
Squeaky

Mixed Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Girls' Chorus 1, 2; Intramurals 2, 4; Allied Youth 2; Science Club 4; Junior Assembly Cast; Senior Ball; Junior Prom; Latin Club 3; Dramatic Club 2; Pep Club 2, 3, 4; Roman Banquet 3; Operetta Cast 3.



JOHN MELVIN PETERSON
Sharon
Industrial Arts Course
Slim

Allied Youth 3, 4; JV Basketball 1; Track 3; X-Country 4; Public Speaking Club 2; Intramurals 1, 2.





ANNA MAE PETTUS
Canaan
Homemaking Course
Babes

FHA 2.

Transferred from Kensington High School, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 2.



ESTELLE JOSEPHINE
PICKERT
Salisbury
Homemaking Course
Pinsie

FHA 1, 2, 3; Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4; Art Service Club 3; Pep Club 2; Junior Prom; Baton 3.



PHYLLIS CORRINE PIDGEON
Salisbury
General Course
Phyl

Allied Youth 2, 3; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Junior Assembly Cast; Junior Prom Attendant; Art Service Club 4; Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4; Football Hop; Junior Prom; Senior Ball Committee; Football Cheerleader 3, Captain 4; Civics Club 1; Dramatic Club 1, 2; Band 1, 2.



PATRICIA ANN PIRETTI
North Canaan
General Course
Patti

Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Homeroom Treasurer 1; Allied Youth 2, 3; Senior Ball; Junior Prom; JV Cheerleader 4.

JO ANNE PITCHER
Sharon
Classical Course
Jo

Latin Club 3; Junior Public Speaking Club 2; Laurel Girls' State 3; Pep Club 4; Junior Assembly Cast; Senior Ball.



Seniors in the library, believe it or not

KEITH TURNER PLATT
Kent
Classical Course
Keith

Homeroom President 1; Intramurals 1, 2, 3; Chess Club 2; AVA Club 1, 2, Maintenance Foreman 3, 4; Allied Youth 2; Junior Assembly; Latin Club 3; Roman Banquet 3; Junior Prom; Senior Ball; Nutmeg Boys' State 3; WHITE OAK.





ELISABETH ROSALIND
POSSELT

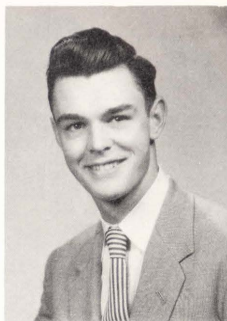
Kent
Classical Course
Betty

Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Latin Club, Secretary 2; Pen and Scroll, Secretary 3; Allied Youth 2; Science Club 3; WHITE OAK, Business Manager; Junior Prom Attendant; Senior Ball; Junior Prom Committee; Junior Assembly Cast; Laurel Girls' State 3; Roman Banquet 3; DAR Good Citizenship Award; Honor Society 4; Valedictorian.



DORIS VICKY RHOADES

North Canaan
General Course
Doris
Pep Club 3, 4.



JOSEPH ARMSTRONG
ROBERTS

North Canaan
Vocational Agriculture Course
Joe

Intramurals 1, 2; Student Council 1, 2, 3; Vice-president 4; FFA 1, Sentinel 2, Reporter 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Barbersharpers 1, 2, 3, 4; Science Club 3; Debating Club 3; Junior Assembly Cast; Operetta Cast 3; Junior Prom Chairman; Sophomore Corridor Dance; All-State Chorus 3, 4; National FFA Chorus 4; Senior Class President; Senior Ball Committee; Senior Play Committee; Homeroom President 1, 2; Dedication Chorus 3.



ROSE MARIE SACKETT

North Canaan
General Course
Big Sam

Intramurals 1, 2, 3; Pep Club 4; Junior Assembly; Senior Ball Committee; Junior Prom.

KATHARINE SCHWAB

Sharon
Classical Course
Kate

Homeroom Secretary 1; Intramurals 1; Mixed Chorus 1, 2, 3; All-New England Orchestra 1; All-State Orchestra 2, 3, 4; Dance Band 2, 4; Orchestra 1, 2, 3, 4; French Club 2, Secretary 3, 4; Dramatic Club 3, Secretary 4; Pen and Scroll 2, 3; Roman Banquet 3; Dedication Chorus 3; Litchfield County Chorus 2; Operetta 3; Junior Assembly Cast 3; Junior Prom; Senior Ball; Science Club 3; Basketball Cheerleader 3, 4; Honor Society 4.



BARBARA MAE SEELEY

Sharon
Secretarial Course
Barb

Civics Club 1; Allied Youth 2, 3, 4; Science Club 3, 4; Homeroom Secretary 3; Junior Assembly Cast; Senior Ball; Junior Prom.





ANNA TERESA SEGALLA
North Canaan
Secretarial Course
Siggie

Mixed Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Intramurals 1, 2, 3; Pep Club 2, 3, 4; Allied Youth 2; Girls' Chorus 2; Junior Assembly Cast; JV Basketball Cheerleader 3; Varsity 4; Homeroom Vice-president 3; Junior Prom; Senior Ball; Mixed Chorus 1, 2, 3.



LEO ROLAND SEGALLA
North Canaan
Classical Course
Bucky

Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 1; Debating Club 3, 4; AVA 2, 3, 4; Sophomore Corridor Dance; Senior Ball Committee; Junior Assembly Cast; Junior Prom; Varsity Basketball Manager 3; Roman Banquet 3.



BARBARA EMILY SHELDON
Cornwall
Secretarial Course
Em

Mixed Chorus 1, 2; Girls' Chorus 2; Allied Youth 2; Intramurals 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 2, 3, 4; Junior Assembly Cast; Junior Prom; Senior Ball; NORTHWEST CORNER 2, 3.



MARILYN ANN SLEIGHTER
Kent
Classical Course
Marilyn

Dramatic Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 2, 3, 4; Allied Youth 2; NORTHWEST CORNER 2; Debating Club 3; Secretary 4; Junior Assembly Cast; Junior Prom Committee; Mixed Chorus 3; JV Basketball Cheerleader 3, 4; Art Service Club 4; Senior Ball; Intramurals 1, 2; Roman Banquet 3.

MARY ELLEN SMEDICK
North Canaan
Secretarial Course
Mike

Dramatic Club 1; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 1, 2, 3; Girls' Chorus 2; Allied Youth 2; Homeroom Secretary 1; Representative 3; Sophomore Corridor Dance; Intramurals 2; Science Club 3; Junior Prom Committee; Senior Ball Committee; WHITE OAK; Junior Assembly Cast; Magazine Drive Co-chairman; Science Night Committee; Litchfield County Music Festival 1, 2; Honor Society 4.



MARION KAY SMITH
Salisbury
General Course
Smitty

Homeroom Vice-president 1; Allied Youth 2; Latin Club 3; Roman Banquet 3; Pep Club 2, 3, 4; Junior Prom; Junior Assembly Cast; Science Club 4; Senior Ball; Girls' Chorus 1, 2; Mixed Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Litchfield County Music Festival 2; Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4.





SALLY ANN SPADACCINI

North Canaan
General Course
Sol

Mixed Chorus 1; Senior Ball;
Junior Assembly Cast.



MILDRED CHARLENE SPELLMAN

Sharon
General Course
Millie

Mixed Chorus 1; Senior Ball;
Junior Assembly Cast.
Transferred from Janes Junior
High School, Hartford, Connecticut 2.



SALLY PATRICIA STAHOVEC

Sharon
Secretarial Course
Sol

Mixed Chorus 1; Intramurals 1,
2, 3; Allied Youth 2, 3; Junior
Prom; Senior Ball; Pep Club 1,
2, 3, 4; Football Cheerleader 4.



EILEEN RUTH STAPLETON

Sharon
General Course
Reenie

Pep Club 1, 2, 3; Allied Youth 2,
3, 4; Junior Assembly; Junior
Prom; Senior Ball; Intramurals
1, 2, 3.

BEVERLY JOAN STRATTMAN

Sharon
General Course
Brownie

Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatic
Club 1; Junior Assembly Cast;
Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 4.



JEAN ELIZABETH TATSAPAUUGH

North Canaan
General Course
Jeannie

Dramatic Club, Secretary 1;
Mixed Chorus 1; Girls' Chorus 2;
Homeroom Secretary 1, Treasurer
2; Pep Club 1, 2, Treasurer 3,
4; Intramurals 2, 3; Sophomore
Corridor Dance; Student Council
3, 4; Junior Assembly Cast; Junior
Prom Attendant; Football
Cheerleader 3; Allied Youth 2,
3; WHITE OAK; Senior Class
Secretary; Debating Club 4; Junior
Prom; Senior Ball; Honor Society 4.





CHRISTINE ANN TESSMAN
Sharon

Homemaking Course

Chris

Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4; Allied Youth 2; Senior Ball; Pep Club 4; Junior Prom.



JOSEPH GERARD TOBIN
Kent

General Course

Max

Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2; Varsity Club 2, 3, 4; Varsity Baseball 2, 3, 4; Varsity Football 3, 4; JV Basketball 1, 2; Home-room President 1, 2, Treasurer 3; Sophomore Corridor Dance Committee; Senior Ball; Junior Assembly Cast.



KATHERINE JEANNE TOMPKINS
Cornwall

Classical Course

Kay

Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatic Club 1; Girls' Chorus 3; Allied Youth 2, 3; Band 1, 2, 3; Orchestra 2, 3; WHITE OAK; JV Basketball Cheerleader 2, Varsity 3, Captain 4; Homeroom President 3; Sophomore Corridor Dance; Pep Club 3, 4; Junior Assembly Cast; Roman Banquet 3; Football Hop.



EDWARD JAMES TRIPP, JR.
North Canaan

General Course

Trippie

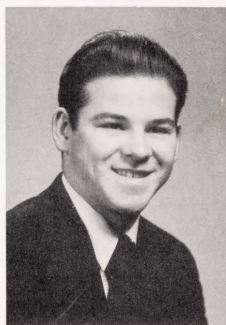
Varsity Football 1, 2, 3, Captain 4; Varsity Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity Basketball 2, 3, 4; JV Basketball 1; Varsity Club 2; Secretary 3, 4; Student Council 2, 3, 4; Junior Assembly Cast; Junior Class Secretary; Home-room President 1, Vice-president 2, 3.

BRUCE LEE VAN VLACK
North Canaan

Vocational Agriculture Course

Bruce

FFA 1, Reporter 2, Vice-president 3, President 4; Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4; Junior Assembly Cast.

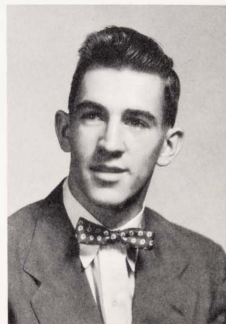


ARTHUR CHARLES VOSBURGH
North Canaan

Industrial Arts Course

Art

Dramatic Club 1, 2, 4.





JOHN TRAVER WILSON

Salisbury

Vocational Agriculture Course

Johnnie

FFA 1, 2, 3, Vice-president 4;
FFA Banquet Committee; FFA
Cooperative Activity Committee;
FFA Christmas Decoration Com-
mittee 4.

SYLVIA MARIE MUNZEL

North Canaan

Dimples

Transferred from Woodbridge
High School, Woodbridge, New
Jersey 4.

Diploma from Woodbridge High
School.

Honest Abe and admirers

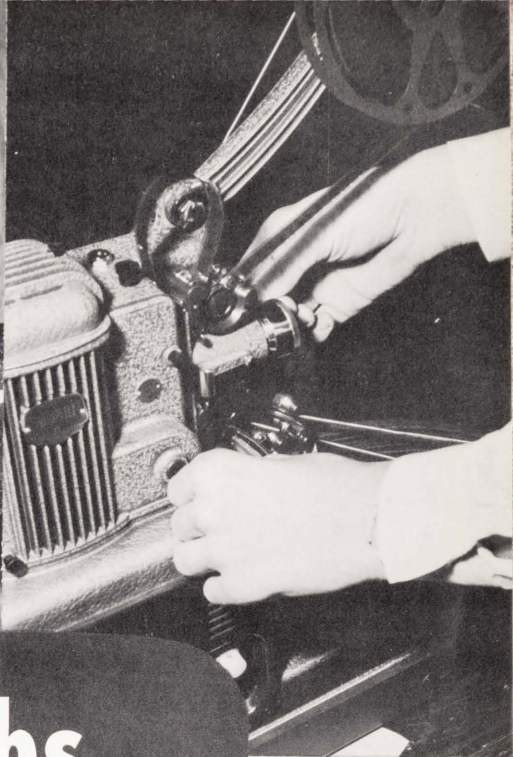


IN MEMORIAM

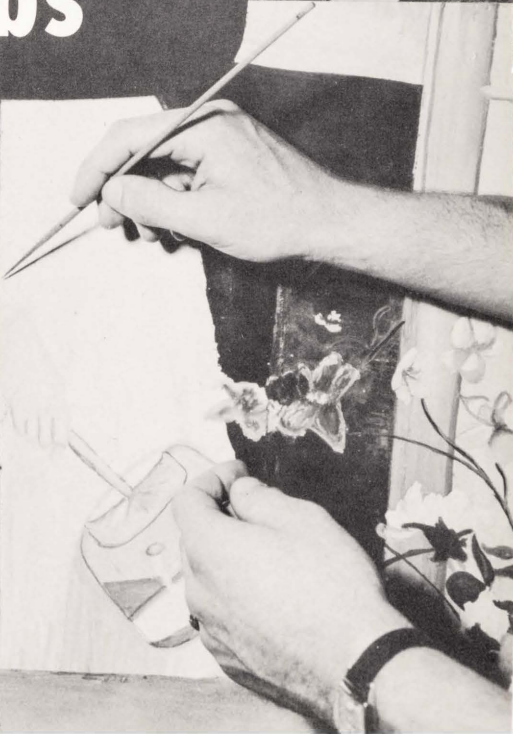
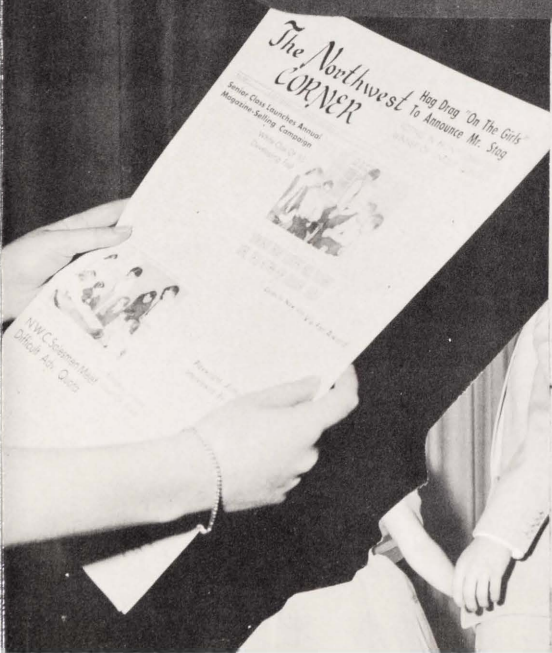
HERBERT WILLIAM PARSONS,
JR.

1936 - 1954

During the summer of 1954 we were
saddened by the death of our classmate,
Herbert Parsons, Jr. We will always remem-
ber him as a sincere and loyal friend.



clubs



student council



Standing, Left to Right: N. Hort, A. Barker, D. Riley, T. Riley, F. Griswold. Second Row: F. Baldwin, Mrs. Scriber, Mr. Dorsett, M. Pitcher. Third Row: M. Lonfranchi, P. Walsh, M. May, A. Maccagnon, L. Consolini. Front Row: E. Tripp, J. Tatsapough, P. Hort, J. Roberts, F. Harmon, D. Hall, A. Hort.

OFFICERS

President	Daniel Hall
Vice-president	Joseph Roberts
Secretary	Faye Harmon
Advisers	Mrs. Scriber, Mr. Dorsett



The Student Council serves as an integral part of the school government. Its basic aim is to serve as a medium of understanding between the faculty and the student body.

Members elected by the students, include eight seniors, six juniors, four sophomores, and two freshmen.

This year the Student Council met with faculty committees in an attempt to remedy several student problems. These included the lunch-line situation, the candy-wrapper problem, and decisions concerning the Junior Assembly.

The annual spaghetti dinner, sponsored by the Student Council, was again successful. Proceeds were allocated to the support of various clubs and other school functions which needed financial aid.

national honor society



Standing, Left to Right: K. Schwab, M. Navy, D. Hall, A. Barker, J. Patchen. Seated: B. Johnson, F. Mills, E. Posselt, M. Smedick, J. Tatsapaugh, P. Hart. Absent: F. Harmon, M. Moore.

Anthony J. Barker
Daniel W. Hall
Philip W. Hart
Faye E. Harmon
Barbara E. Johnson
Frederica H. Mills

Jean E. Tatsapaugh

Millicent A. Moore
Miles J. Novy
Joan D. Patchen
Elisabeth R. Posselt
Katharine Schwab
Mary E. Smedick

The aim of the National Honor Society, sponsored by the National Association of Secondary School Principals, is to promote student interest in maintaining high standards in the public schools. These standards include leadership, service, character, and scholarship. The emphasis is not placed upon scholarship alone, as it is for election to Phi Beta Kappa.

According to a policy which was adopted in 1954, fifteen per cent of the students of each class are elected in their senior year by the faculty. Formerly five per cent of the junior class and ten per cent of the senior class were elected each year.

The society does not operate as a club, although in some other schools meetings are held and projects carried out.

Members are awarded a gold pin, a membership card, and certificate of membership at a school assembly held late in May.



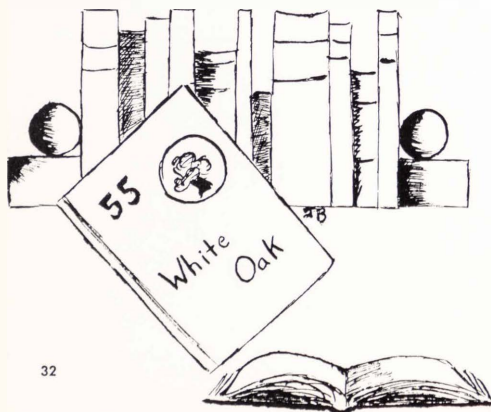
white oak



Standing, Left to Right: C. Cecchinato, M. Novy, K. Platt, A. Barker, E. Posselt, J. Bloss, F. Mills, C. Hanf, P. Bartholomew, P. Hart, J. Tatsapaugh, F. Harmon, G. Kopf, L. Dean, K. Tompkins, Mr. Kobler. Seated W. Hutchinson, H. Dower, M. Smedick, M. Lanfranchi, J. Patchen, W. Matson.

EXECUTIVE STAFF

Editor	Anthony J. Barker
Assistant Editor	Frederica H. Mills
Business Manager	Elisabeth R. Posselt
Adviser	Mr. Kobler



Each year the student body looks forward to the publication of Regional's yearbook, *The White Oak*. There has been a noticeable improvement in the books from year to year, and it is hoped that *The 1955 White Oak* marks a further advance. Last year's publication, awarded a first-place rating by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association, set a high standard for us.

The 1955 staff members, selected on the basis of their work with the 1954 staff, included twenty-one seniors. As part of their preparation for the year's task, Anthony Barker, Elisabeth Posselt, Frederica Mills, and Mr. Kobler attended the short course for yearbook production conducted at Columbia University in the fall of 1954. The principal problem, as always, was to find a fresh approach for the presentation of the school's activities. In adopting the theme of "hands," the staff hoped to suggest the busy and creative life that fills our school year.

An attempt has been made to broaden the scope of the book by including activities and events previously overlooked. For example, by adding a section on the curriculum, *The 1955 White Oak* offers a more balanced picture of life at Regiona. In the past, yearbooks have often given the impression that school consisted only of a round of extra-curricular activities, neglecting the fact that most of our time is spent in classes.

The editors are most grateful to all those students, teacher and advertisers who have cooperated in so many ways to make this book possible. We wish to thank David Riley for doing the frontispiece. We are, above all, deeply indebted to John Blau for the professional-looking art work that fills the pages of the book.

debating club



Standing, Left to Right: P. Wallach, W. Hutchinson, G. Kopf, J. Tatsapaugh, L. Segalla, E. Mansir, A. Barker, N. Stackelberg, E. Sinclair. Seated, J. O'Brien, P. Hart, W. Carlin, M. Sleighter, M. Moore, M. Navy, Mr. Clark.

OFFICERS

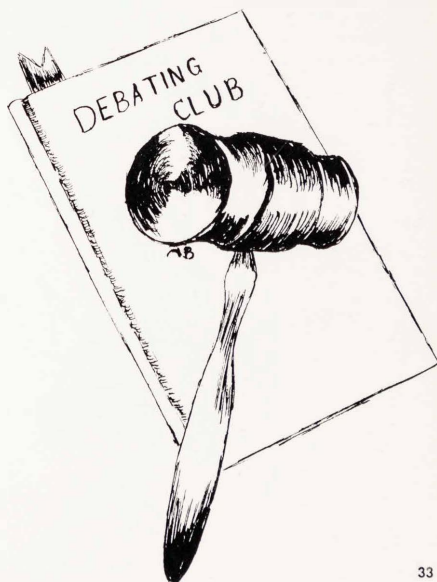
President	Walter Carlin
Vice-president	Philip Hart
Secretary	Marilyn Sleighter
Adviser	Mr. Clark

The Debating Club, formerly known as the Sophists, was organized in 1944. The purpose of the club is to provide a constructive program for learning to carry on formal debates and forums for both scholastic and interscholastic debating.

Members are allowed to join in either their junior or senior year, and meetings are held on every second and fourth Monday. The usual program consists of two formal speeches on one controversial subject, one presenting the affirmative and the other the negative. After the speeches are presented, the question becomes an open club debate. Such topics as McCarthyism, the United Nations, and Red China dominated the debating scene this year.

Interscholastic activities included a fall and spring forum. The fall forum was held at Newtown on the subject of McCarthyism. The spring forum was held at Thomaston where the topic was "Building Better Home Life." The club also attended forums at Torrington High School and at Teachers College of Connecticut.

In December the Debating Club made its annual trip to the United Nations. After a guided tour of the building, students attended the General Assembly to hear the discussion concerning the thirteen American prisoners held by Red China.



future homemakers of america



Back Row, Left to Right: J. Perosino, P. Senior, P. Curtis, M. Wilson, J. Isaksen, J. Andrews. Second Row: F. Starr, G. Sherwood, J. Blass, E. Stapleton, G. Decker. Third Row: Miss Buzzell, R. Twing, K. Parsons, R. Cathart, E. Drake, V. Drake, Miss Pratt. Seated: I. Morey, S. Parsons, S. Ongley, M. McLane, C. Williams, M. Parmalee.

President	Margaret McLane
Vice-president	Sally Ongley
Secretary	Carol Williams
Treasurer	Sabina Parsons
Advisers	Miss Buzzell, Miss Pratt



The Future Homemakers of America, a national organization of pupils studying homemaking, works to promote better homes and family living, and to further interest in home economics.

Regional and state conventions play an important part in the club's activities. This year Margaret McLane, chapter president and state treasurer, conducted a regional meeting at the Gilbert School, Winsted. Several members took part in the style show at G. Fox and Company during the state convention, and all participated in the leadership rally at St. Joseph College.

Before Christmas a speaker demonstrated gift wrapping which members applied in their own pre-Christmas rush. The club sent CARE packages overseas, designed displays for the lobby showcases, and prepared the annual FFA banquet.

future farmers of america



Back Row, Left to Right: M. Zinke, R. Fallon, J. Lakin, T. Tweed, H. Lee, J. Roberts, H. Lethbridge, R. Silvernale, G. Dean. Second Row: C. Coons, L. MacNeil, L. Dumont, D. Black, P. Salwocki, F. Twing, D. Warner, J. Pedone, R. Lush, P. MacNeil, E. O'Dell, R. Davis. Third Row: R. Hinckey, R. Gilpatrick, G. Drumm, R. Aakjar, J. Sterry, C. Hague, R. Bliven, A. Bierce, Mr. Bennett. Seated: W. Hageman, J. Wright, W. Monroe, R. Brandt, H. Barker, J. Wilson, B. VanVlack, R. Whitford, A. Allyn, R. Leifert, L. Joray, F. Brown.

OFFICERS

President
Vice-president
Treasurer
Secretary
Reporter
Advisers

Bruce VanVlack
John Wilson
Andrew Olson
Haworth Barker
Roy Brandt
Mr. Bennett, Mr. Wood

The Housatonic Valley Chapter of the Future Farmers of America was organized in 1940 to promote interest in better farming. Members carry on individual projects at home, and on farms where they are employed, applying what they have learned at school. Most common projects are livestock, poultry, and crops. To further cooperation between the school and the home, the organization held its sixteenth Father-and-Son Banquet and the annual Parents' Rally.

Regional's FFA placed third in the horticultural Vo-Ag Day held at the University of Connecticut in the fall. During the previous spring Regional placed fifth in the livestock Vo-Ag Day and first in the poultry contest. In the annual public-speaking contest, Haworth Barker won first prize for the state.

During the Christmas season members made wreaths and sold trees from their evergreen plantation. A stand was set up near the school on Route 7, and sales were more than satisfactory. Early in the spring the Ag shop was turned into a greenhouse when the students grew seedlings for their own use and for sale.

A record-breaking membership contributed to this year's success. Every student of vocational agriculture was an active member of the FFA.



dramatic club



Back Row, Left to Right: J. Connelly, D. O'Connell, P. Schwab, J. Peyron, A. VanDyk, R. Harvey, J. Blass, F. Griswold, T. Byrnes, C. Hague, H. Boyles, P. Wallach. Second Row: L. Chesebro, J. O'Brien, C. Gold, M. Mather, J. Canfield, M. Gentile, S. Owens, S. Babuin, M. Pinney, M. Czernin, S. Downing, A. Satre, G. Leis, L. Byrnes, S. Oliver, G. Tripp, N. Smedick. Third Row: J. Menti, K. Zetterstrom, M. May, C. Boake, C. Hanf, J. Clyburn, N. Benedict, M. Hutchinson, P. Mansfield, S. Terhune, P. Thrall, D. Perrone. Fourth Row: Mr. Kobler, M. Dufour, L. Elder, E. O'Connell, P. Murphy, S. Beckley, E. Rand, L. Gillette, N. Svehla, B. Bennett, R. Peirce, E. Rudd, G. Camp, A. Sartori, E. Mansir, M. Sutherland, N. Farnum, W. Carlin. Seated: J. Kauttu, C. Leffingwell, A. Athoe, B. Plonski, M. Moore, G. Pulver, F. Mills, K. Schwab, E. Schneider, D. Clark, L. Coleman, M. Conlon.

OFFICERS

President	Frederica Mills
Vice-president	Millicent Moore
Secretary	Katharine Schwab
Treasurer	Gary Pulver
Advisers	Mr. Kobler, Mr. Eldridge



Lost Horizon, co-directed by Mr. Eldridge and Mr. Kobler, started the year for the Dramatic Club. The three-act drama was produced on two consecutive nights for the public. It was notable not only for the acting but for the exotic staging of the Tibetan lamasary at Shangri-la.

Members assisted with the annual Christmas Assembly in cooperation with the Glee Club.

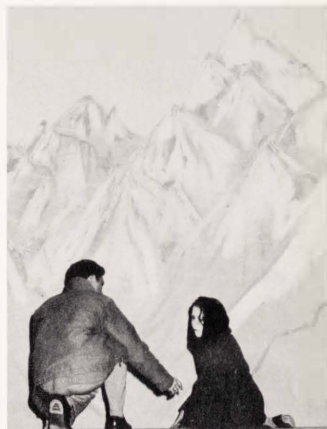
After playing host last year for one of the Regional Drama Festivals, the Dramatic Club this year went to the festival at Glastonbury. They took as their presentation an abridged version of Shaw's *Androcles and the Lion*, directed by Mr. Eldridge. The play was also presented in the gym as a part of the Latin Club's Roman Festival, to honor Mrs. Camp in her last year at the school.

Profits from the club's public performances were used for the purchase of additional stage equipment.

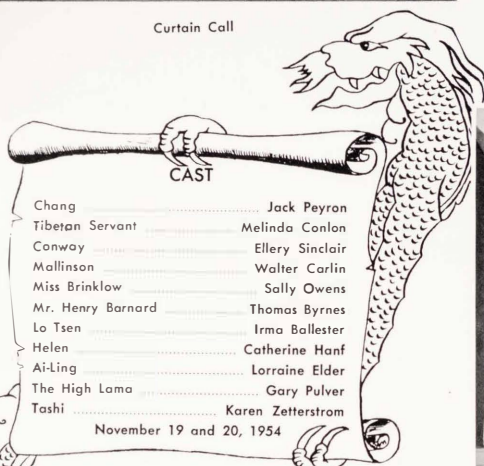
LOST HORIZON



Curtain Call



The Epilogue



Finishing touches are put on the scenery

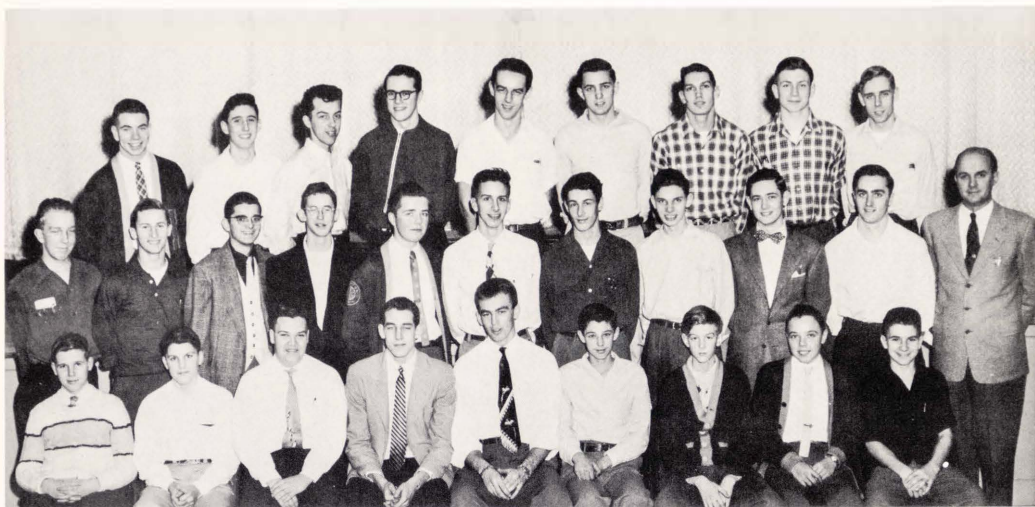


The High Lama



Arriving at Shangri-La

audio-visual aids



Back Row, Left to Right: R. Carley, P. Fulco, H. Barker, F. Griswold, K. Platt, R. Calhoun, M. Novy, P. Waugh, A. VonDyk. Middle Row: R. Bohlmann, L. Stine, L. Segalla, N. Stackelberg, H. Boyles, M. Leclerc, A. Febbriello, J. Mansir, G. Kopf, T. Riley, Mr. Travis. Front Row: J. Luning, W. Barnett, K. Brown, D. Hall, P. Lamb, N. Quackenbos, D. O'Connell, H. Gobillot, R. Pozzi.

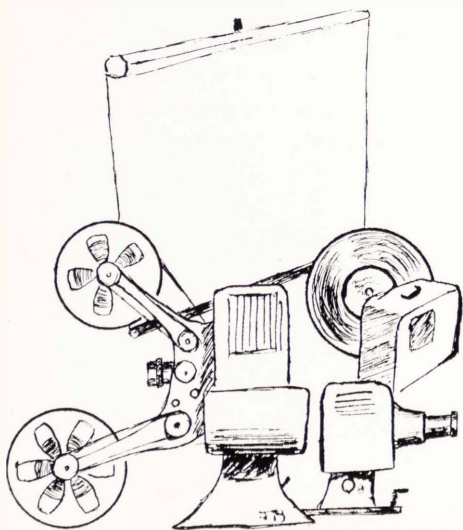
OFFICERS

Foreman	Peter Lamb
Secretary-treasurer	Daniel Hall
Maintenance Crew	Michael Leclerc, Harold Boyles
Adviser	Mr. Travis

Movies, recordings, and slides have proved their worth as educational devices. Under the supervision of Mr. Travis, a trained crew of boys provides the skill and manpower for operating these machines.

Candidates for the AVA club, usually freshmen, go through careful screening before admission, and then must prove their ability as apprentices in operating and maintaining audio-visual equipment.

As full-fledged members, they have a chance to use their mechanical skills and interests, and to perform a service for the school. There are three projectors and screens, a tape recorder, slide projector, opaque projector, and two record players, all fairly new. Members have the responsibility of keeping them in good condition and using them in classes, assemblies, and club programs.



latin club



Back Row, Left to Right: B. Bennett, Mrs. Camp, C. Wilford, P. Dower, H. Becker, J. Canfield, J. Peyron, V. Rosseter, T. Solan, J. Connolly, L. Ambjornsen, N. Devaux, C. Solan.

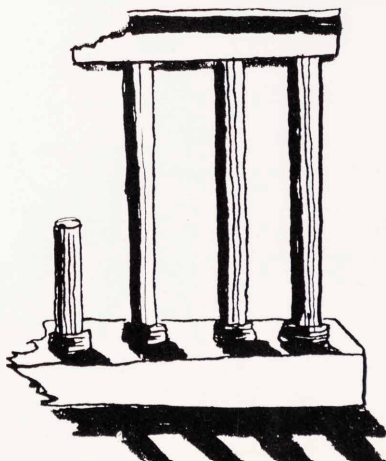
In April, the Latin Club sponsored a Roman festival, "Thoralia," held in the gymnasium. More than sixty students from the Latin Department, the Dramatic Club, and the Industrial Arts Department assisted in the production.

Miss Dodd and Coach Chinatti trained tumblers and wrestlers for their exhibitions of skill. A chariot race, dancing, and singing added to the festivities. The high point of the evening was the production of an abridged version of *Androcles and the Lion* by the Dramatic Club.

Throughout the year members of the Latin Club, or *Nos Septem Collium*, as the club is called in Latin, learned about the Roman people and their way of life through slides, reports, and plays. During one meeting Jack Connolly, who had previously been in Rome, gave a talk and showed slides which he had acquired.

OFFICERS

President	Nancy Devaux
Vice-president	Jane Canfield
Secretary	Jack Peyron
Treasurer	Theresa Solan
Program Chairman	Phyllis Dower
Adviser	Mrs. Camp



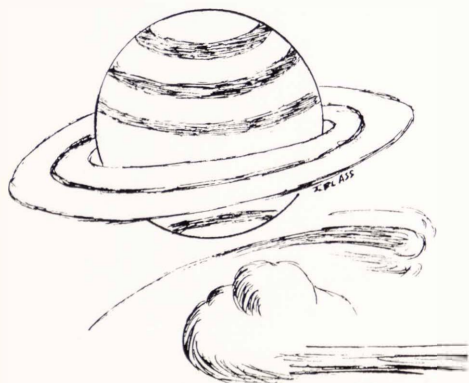
knights of science



Back Row, Left to Right: G. Pulver, P. Wallach, S. Jennings, J. Kopf, A. VanDyk, R. Clapp, M. McCann.
Second Row: T. Solan, P. Dower, N. Devaux, M. Smith, L. Dean, P. Bartholomew, H. Dower, J. Canfield, A. Faltermeier. Seated: H. Petersen, C. Leffingwell, E. Mansir, G. Kopf, B. Johnson, W. Hutchinson, Mr. England, L. Kelsey, J. Patchen.

OFFICERS

President	Wanda Hutchinson
Vice-president	George Kopf
Secretary-treasurer	Barbara Johnson
Adviser	Mr. England



The Knights of Science was organized at Regional in 1952, with Mr. England as the faculty adviser. Membership is open to juniors and seniors who take science courses, with regular meetings held twice a month.

On March 25, the club sponsored the second annual Science Night at the school. Student demonstrations, a speaker, movies, and exhibits contributed to its success.

As part of the regular activities of the club, several local speakers addressed the membership. Programs included a show of nature color slides, a talk on Hawaii by Mr. Chinatti, and a lecture on the Connecticut Light and Power Company. Reports and demonstrations were also prepared by the members.

le cercle francais



Standing, Left to Right: N. Devaux, S. Owens, P. Bartholomew, E. Mansir, K. Schwab, J. Canfield, H. Becker.
Seated: A. Faltermeier, M. Moore, F. Mills, B. Johnson.

Open to all students of French, Le Cercle Français was established to promote a better understanding of the people, customs, and language of France.

During the past year a puppet theater, Le Guignol, was improved by the purchase of several animal puppets. Travelogues on their trips to Germany and Switzerland were given by two members who had spent their summer vacations abroad. The annual Christmas program included the traditional carol-singing around the creche and the distribution of presents from a special shoe. Plays, skits, individual reports, and discussions, all presented in French, added to an enjoyable and profitable year, under the guidance of Miss Estey and Mr. Lavallee.

A gold key was awarded to the student having the highest average in the second-year French class, and a silver key to the student having the highest average in the first-year class. Certificates were given to those having an average of 90 or over.

OFFICERS

President	Frederica Mills
Vice-president	Millicent Moore
Secretary	Barbara Johnson
Treasurer	Audrey Faltermeier
Advisers	Miss Estey, Mr. Lavallee



allied youth



Top Row, Left to Right: M. Bartone, T. Riley, J. Preston, J. Peterson, P. Fallon, J. Clark, C. Dakin, L. Jones, R. Conklin, J. Corcoran, S. Rivard, D. Bartholomew. Second Row: P. Walsh, D. Pettit, V. Griffin, A. Moseley, L. Dwy, C. Johnson, A. Johnson, M. Lamb, L. Segalla, H. Stapleton, S. Hansel, S. Brady, W. Palmer, W. Barr, E. Brandt, S. Lehnert, B. Seeley, E. Stapleton, P. Moni. Third Row: L. Consolini, P. Goodnow, J. Branche, C. Eiby, D. Holmes, H. Curtis, E. Rote, P. Gavell, C. Wagner, W. Schreiber, M. Paley, A. Maccagnan. Fourth Row: K. Bristol, J. Coe, S. Couze, D. Brown, M. Gibson, E. Odell, N. Dodge, J. Connolly, S. Brickman, I. Lane, P. Gobillat, M. Vosburgh, S. Dunn, G. O'Dell, S. Semke, Mr. Broere. Seated: B. Plonski, N. Guisler, P. Piretti, T. Lucier, N. Aakjar, M. Pitcher, G. Kopf, P. Stuart, B. Griffin, J. Albig, A. Prause, B. Cole.

OFFICERS

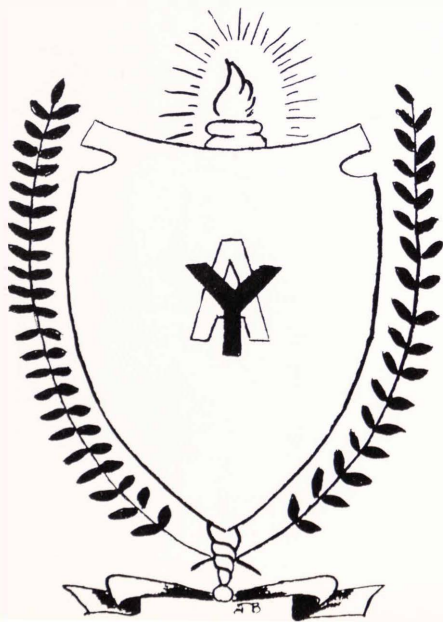
President	George Kopf
Vice-president	Mary Pitcher
Secretary	Patricia Stuart
Treasurer	Nancy Aakjar
Adviser	Mr. Broere

Regional's Allied Youth Post, the only one in Connecticut, is made up of students interested in the alcohol problem and in proving that alcohol is not necessary for a good time.

This was one of the Post's most successful years. Meetings, held twice a month, were addressed by speakers from the school faculty, a member of Alcoholics Anonymous, and a priest.

In November, four club members and Mr. Broere, their adviser, were delegates to the annual national conference at Buck Hill Falls, Pennsylvania.

A Sadie Hawkins dance, the "Hag Drag," provided an opportunity for the girls to invite the boys and to pay their way. As an extra feature, a lively contest to choose Mr. Stag was held before the dance. The announcement of the winner, Fred Baldwin, was made the night of the dance. Proceeds helped to send several members to the Allied Youth convention. The girls again took over at a Potluck Dinner Dance in March for all Allied Youth members and their guests.



varsity club



Back Row, Left to Right: F. Segalla, W. Matson, T. Blakey, J. Tompkins, F. Flint. Middle Row: Coach Chinatti, D. Donsbough, D. Hall, E. Tripp, R. Carley, E. Lucier, J. Branche, M. Navy, C. Hardy. Seated: P. Salwacki, J. Berti, J. Miller, P. Lamb, L. Stine, B. Prindle, F. Baldwin.

Competitive sports are among the most popular activities at Regional. The Varsity Club helps to strengthen this popularity by maintaining high standards of sportsmanship, promoting interest in both the high school and grammar school athletic programs, and by giving financial assistance to the athletic program.

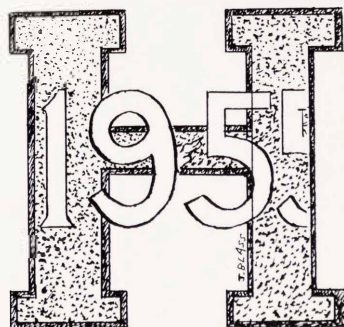
To become a member, a student must earn a letter in one of the four varsity sports — basketball, football, baseball, or track. This includes both team members and managers.

Early in March the Varsity Club sponsored and refereed the annual basketball tournament among the Regional District grammar schools, and Canaan captured the trophy. This program often develops talent which is later seen on Regional's court.

The Varsity Club Dance, held in February, raised funds for the purchase of athletic equipment.

OFFICERS

President	Peter Lamb
Vice-president	James Miller
Secretary-treasurer	Leonard Stine
Adviser	Coach Chinatti



the northwest corner



Back Row, Left to Right: C. Gold, V. Griffin, K. Stephens, N. Benedict, J. O'Brien, N. Stackelberg, T. Byrnes, C. Dakin, D. Riley, P. Schwob, M. Pinney, H. Becker, G. Tripp, E. Stephens, L. Gillette, L. Chesebro. Second Row: C. Solan, S. Boyley, B. Griffin, P. Dower, R. Clopp, B. Corr, J. Connolly, G. Pulver, T. Lucier, C. Semke, T. Solan. Third Row: M. May, J. Kauttu, L. Coleman, E. Schneider, A. Duke, S. Dunn, E. O'Connell, M. Paley, D. Perry, J. Perotti, M. Gibson, N. Farnum, D. Clark, Mr. Erwin, A. Faltermeier. Seated: C. Leffingwell, B. Johnson, C. Eiby, J. Canfield, S. Oliver, N. Devoux, J. Riva, L. Stine, L. Kelsey.

OFFICERS

Editor-in-Chief	Susan Oliver
Advertising Manager	Jane Canfield
News Editor	Jean Riva
Sports Editor	Leonard Stine
Make-up Editor	Carolyn Eiby
Headline Editor	Linda Kelsey
Adviser	Mr. Erwin

Regional's school newspaper started this year with a record staff of over fifty students and a new adviser, Mr. Erwin.

Complete and accurate coverage together with an efficient staff organization contributed most to the paper's success. The variety of news and features, ranging from sports coverage to "The Inquiring Reporter," appealed to the interests of all students.

The size of the paper was increased to four pages. Printing was done by *The Lakeville Journal*, and photographs and drawings were used to supplement news articles and features. Advertisements from business firms in all towns of the Regional District made up a part of the increased cost of publishing. The result was nine issues of a professional-looking, informative paper.

Under the new system of training, juniors, sophomores, and freshmen worked together in each department, insuring an experienced staff for next year.

Several members of the staff participated in the Columbia Scholastic Press Association Convention in March. At this conference students received instruction in the aims and skills of high school journalism.





Back Row, Left to Right: M. Lamb, E. Mansir, C. Gobillat, M. Czernin, M. Sleighter, M. Smith, P. Bartholomew, A. Moseley. Second Row: G. Gillette, P. Pidgeon, M. Moore, P. Walsh, J. Clyburn, N. Benedict, B. Corberry, L. Byrnes, B. Stratman, K. Tompkins, E. Rate, M. Pitcher, C. Leonard, K. Schwab, H. Dower. Third Row: E. Dufaur, J. Aakjar, L. Consolini, K. Bristol, E. Decker, S. Couse, R. Cathcart, E. Drake, S. Lehnert, A. Macagnan, M. Lanfranchi, D. Conklin. Fourth Row: J. Perosino, A. Praise, L. Hunter, M. Smedick, B. Kyle, B. Humes, D. Rhoades, E. Doty, C. Brazzale, E. Pickert, P. Gavell, K. Egan, H. Curtis, D. Perry, V. MacNeil, M. Cattelan, Miss Dodd. First Row: V. Consolini, M. Conlon, V. Drake, J. Gordon, A. Segalla, C. Cecchinato, A. Colli, S. Stahovec, P. Piretti, M. Curtis, D. Ford, C. Dower.

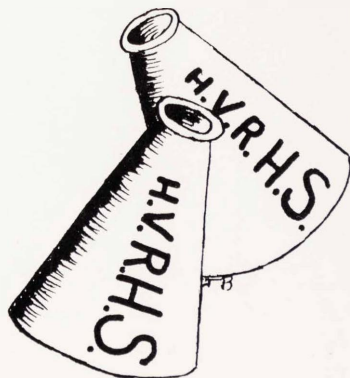
The Pep Club grew in size and spirit this year, under the guidance of Miss Dodd. Its main purpose was to persuade the student body to attend sports events and support the school teams.

Early in the fall the club sponsored a pep rally in the auditorium. New cheers invented by the cheerleaders were introduced so that the student body might learn them before the games. Short rallies were held throughout the year, particularly during the football and basketball seasons. Attendance at basketball games was excellent although it fell below par at football games.

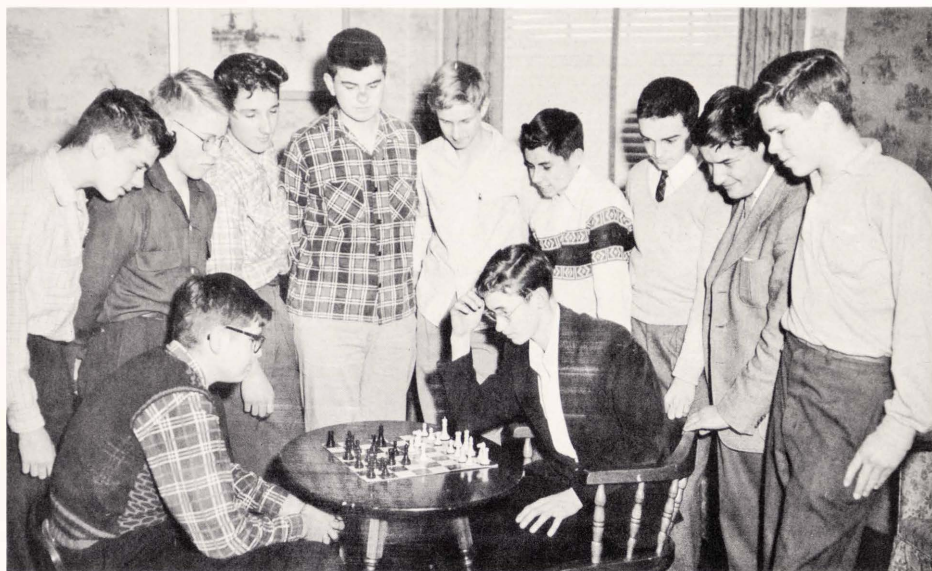
The Pep Club Dance, with music by the "Tune Twisters," was held at the school gym in the spring. Proceeds were used for cheerleaders' uniforms.

OFFICERS

President	Anna Colli
Adviser	Miss Dodd



chess club



Standing, Left to Right: G. Pulver, R. Clapp, R. Leis, S. Jennings, R. Trudeau, F. McCann, D. Mercer, P. Wallach, S. Pratt. Seated: J. Kopf, N. Stackelberg.

freshman art club



Back Row, Left to Right: J. Menti, D. Perrone, L. Stuhman, S. Fallon, G. Metcalfe, L. Carlson. Second Row: F. Brown, R. Allyn, J. Belter, J. Irwin, K. Chase, R. Bliven, R. McLane, H. Gobillot, R. Peterson. Third Row: Mrs. Eaton, J. Peterson, J. Giulian, R. Pierce, S. Fish, M. Hutchinson, E. Hoskell, E. Rand, A. Sartori, D. Miner, A. Athae. Seated: A. King, J. Gardon, J. Daniels, N. Svehla, S. Blass, B. Boibeaux, T. Gables, J. Perasino, P. McGarry.

art service club



Back Row, Left to Right: J. Corna, J. Patchen, D. Ford, M. Sleighter, J. Blass, L. Dean, P. Pidgeon, M. Cruikshank, M. Mather, J. Steele, N. Zinke. Front Row: J. Hayburn, D. Riley, Mrs. Eaton, M. Curtis, R. Lindbergh.

OFFICERS

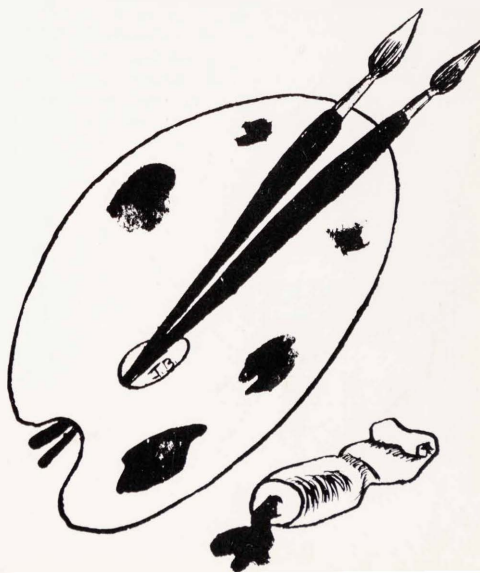
President	David Riley
Vice-President	Joan Aakjær
Secretary	Marilyn Cruikshank
Treasurer	Mary Curtis
Adviser	Mrs. Eaton

The purpose of the Art Service Club is to promote art activities at Regional. This aim is accomplished primarily by assisting other organizations in producing art work of a high caliber. Members of the club have prepared numerous posters for various school events. They have also arranged several attractive displays for the show cases in the corridors.

Much of the work in painting scenery for the senior play and Dramatic Club productions was done under the direction of the Art Service Club. A scale model of the stage was constructed so that scenic and lighting effects could be experimented with and studied in advance of production.

Outstanding work of students has been frequently displayed. These exhibits have included an unusual Christmas display, an arrangement of articles from Japan, geometric designs prepared by classes in mathematics, and soap sculpture.

In addition to working for others throughout the year, members of the Art Service Club have taken time off to enjoy a party at Christmas and at the close of the school year.



mixed chorus



Back Row, Left to Right: F. Mills, S. Owens, M. Czernin, M. Lec'erc, E. Sinclair, H. Hague, V. Harvey, R. Harvey, J. Roberts, K. Chase, S. Brady, M. Pinney, M. Rundall, E. Posselt. Second Row: M. Moore, J. Woodin, M. Mather, J. Andrus, K. Brown, L. Byrnes, C. Williams, A. Ives, R. Palmer, J. Blass, A. Satre, J. Jessup, R. Stachelek, N. Smith, G. Tripp, S. Oliver, P. Walsh, J. O'Brien. Third Row: S. Beckley, M. Sutherland, N. Smedick, E. O'Connell, S. Schreiber, E. Rudd, K. Smith, L. Kelsey, S. Conlan, L. Elder, S. Bayley, P. Murphy. Fourth Row: W. Hutchinson, E. Mansir, P. Athoe, B. Breen, M. Conklin, B. Kyle, J. Menti, D. Perrone, C. Davis, G. Comp, E. Brandt, P. Mansfield, C. Spadaccini, B. Monroe, E. Angelovich, J. Patchen. Fifth Row: M. Wood, B. Plonski, A. Prouse, C. Leffingwell, K. Egan, C. Cecchinato, P. Goodnow, J. Grimes, N. Guissher, E. Small, M. Conlan, J. Stuart. Front Row: N. Bailey, C. Monroe, C. Hanf, M. Smith, H. Petersen, G. Aldrich.

The Music Department under Mr. Meder's direction has developed several organizations to provide both performers and listeners with a variety of musical experiences.

The largest of these groups is the Mixed Chorus, which met twice a week for rehearsals and carried academic credit for those qualified. This year auditions were conducted over a period of weeks to improve the quality of the chorus.



Together with the orchestra and band, the chorus participated in the musical program for the Christmas Assembly and the annual Spring Concert on May 4.

The band and orchestra have both become more effective organizations as a result of the instruction in instrumental music given in the elementary grades. In addition to the regular group rehearsals conducted for these instrumental organizations, a large number of students have continued to receive individual instruction at Regional. In April the orchestra attended the All-State Audition Festival at Willimantic State Teachers College. An assembly program of instrumental music was also presented before the student body.

Several students distinguished themselves in both the vocal and instrumental fields. Joseph Roberts, Stanley Brady, Wanda Hutchinson, Molly Moore, and Susan Oliver were chosen to sing with the All-State Chorus at the Bushnell Memorial at Hartford. Katherine Schwab played with the All-State Orchestra, and Patricia Athoe and Frederica Mills appeared with the All-State Band. Emily Stephens was honored by being selected to play second violin in the All-Eastern Conference Orchestra at its concert at Boston.

Another highlight of the year for the Music Department was the Litchfield County Festival held at the Music Shed at Norfolk in May.

regionaires



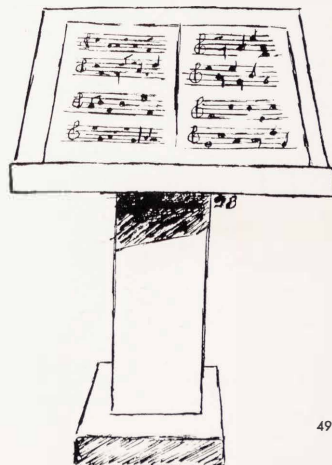
Standing, Left to Right: P. Moni, R. Morrow, R. Calhoun, L. Jones, M. Leclerc, R. Loverin, S. Schreiber, S. Pickert, Mr. Meder. Seated: S. Brady, P. Schwab, V. Harvey, J. Berti, J. Maglio, R. Harvey, Mr. England, J. Jessup, P. MacNeil.

barbersharpers



Left to Right: R. Loverin, K. Brown, S. Brady, M. Leclerc, E. Sinclair, J. Roberts.

In 1954 Regional's first dance band was organized to provide music for various school affairs. As a result of a school-wide contest, the organization was named the Regionaires. Members of the band have enjoyed the opportunity to play popular music and, as they have gained experience at the Varsity Club Dance and other events, have fulfilled a definite need in the social life at Regional.



A group of five boys, known as the Barbersharpers, have practiced the art of close harmony, not only for their own enjoyment but for a number of community groups. For the past two years, the Barbersharpers have contributed their talents to the annual March of Dimes show held in January.

orchestra

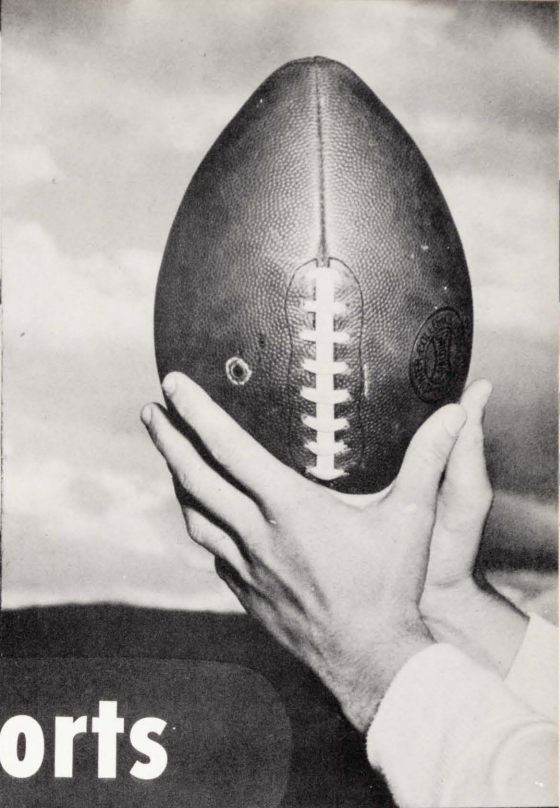


Standing, Left to Right: N. Smedick, P. Houston, B. Strattman, L. Jones, Mr. Meder. Second Row: K. Zetterstrom, E. Brandt, A. Ives, M. Rundall, F. Thibault, K. Brown, D. Holmes, E. Rudd, J. Prindle, M. Leclerc, P. Schwab, J. Jessup, V. Harvey, F. Mills, R. Morrow, M. Gibson, W. Matson, J. Clyburn, H. Bayles, R. Harvey. Front Row: E. Stephens, B. Plonski, S. Dunn, P. Walsh, K. Schwab, C. Solan, K. Smith, P. Moni.

band



Standing, Left to Right: P. Houston, N. Smedick, S. Schreiber, B. Strattman, M. Lamb, R. Stachelek, P. MacNeil, J. Goodnow, Mr. Meder. Second Row: R. Lush, T. Gales, G. Miller, A. Dike, R. Davis, K. Brown, D. Holmes, E. Rudd, P. Athoe, J. Prindle, M. Leclerc, J. Jessup, V. Harvey, J. Berti, P. Schwab, J. Maglio, R. Pozzi, R. Cirone, R. Harvey, M. Gibson, J. Clyburn, H. Boyles. Front Row: W. Matson, L. Jones, R. Morrow, S. Hansell, P. Moni, K. Smith, C. Solan, F. Mills, A. Sartori, S. Tompkins, M. Vosburgh.



sports



football

The home game with Simsbury High School opened the 1955 season and the second year of eleven-man football at Regional. The team got off to a fast and hard-hitting start, but several mistakes gave Simsbury an early lead which it held to defeat us, 19-6.

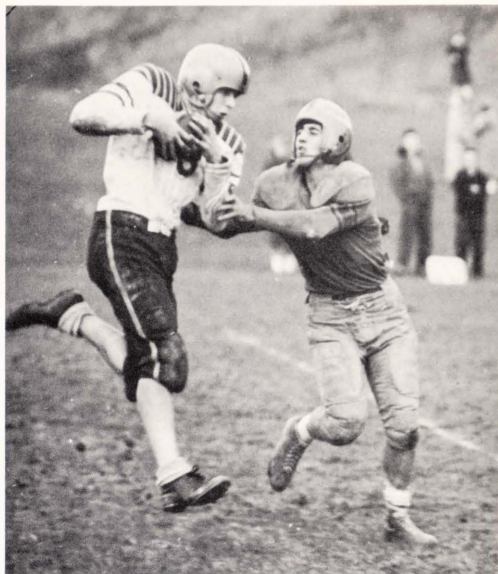
Traveling to Williamstown, Massachusetts, the following week, our Mountaineers played in a severe hail storm. Unable to gain a touchdown in the closing minutes of battle, we were defeated 12-7.

These two defeats at the outset made us realize how seriously our team had been weakened by the loss of almost the entire first-string squad of last year. The inexperience of most of our players showed up more than ever in the Lee and Canton games. Furthermore, Captain Tripp, disabled by a leg injury, was sorely missed.

The New Canaan game, an encounter everyone looked forward to, was canceled because of weather. This gave us two weeks in which to prepare for the last home game with Roosevelt High School of Hyde Park, New York.

Hard workouts and high morale gave the team a burning desire to win. When the big moment finally came, Regional lost no time in gaining ground and led at the half by a score of 14-6. Three touchdowns, a conversion, and a safety gave Regional's jubilantly victorious team 21 points to win.

The backfield should be credited with doing a fine job while the line excelled, especially on defense. As one sports writer said, "For a team that had yet to win its first game, Regional showed tremendous spirit, yelling and fighting-



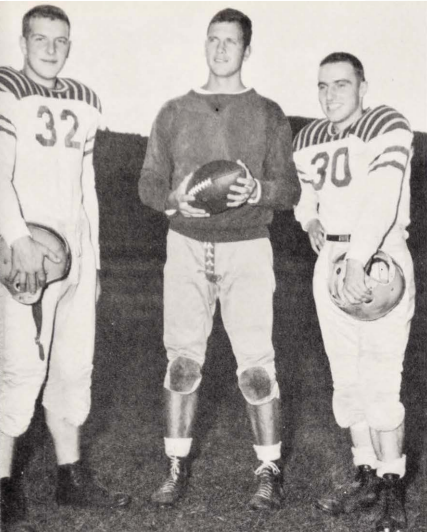
Did you get away from him, Dan?

throughout the ball game like a bunch of wild Indians." Against Gilbert, Regional played a hard and clean game but lost to a fast and powerful foe.

Seniors who played ball at Regional for the last time were Co-captains Jim Miller and Ed Tripp, Pete Lamb, Dan Hall, Miles Novy, Walter Matson, Duke Donsbough, and Jerry Tobin. We won only one of our games, but we nevertheless regretted that the season came and went so quickly.



Tripp gains a few yards "up the gut."



The Triumvirate



Tobin and Miller, stalwarts at the tackle spots

1954 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Simsbury	19
Williams	12
Lee	18
Canton	32
Roosevelt	6
Gilbert	19

Won 1

Lost 5

Regional

6
7
6
12
21
7



Dan and Pete, our two ends



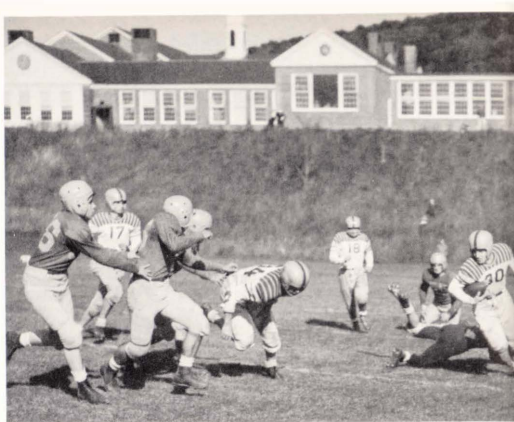
BACK ROW, Left to Right: G. Miller, L. Cattelan, M. Bartone, R. Ware, T. Riley, W. Barr, P. Fulco, G. Drumm, C. Dakin, P. Waugh, T. Febbroriello, J. Dufour, L. Bachetti, H. Stapleton, E. McGuire, R. Laverin, J. Mansfield. SECOND ROW: R. Perticone, F. Segalla, L. Stine, W. Schreiber, T. Coons, P. Salwacki, D. Donsbough, J. Berti, R. Brandt, M. Navy, J. Ghidossi, T. Blakey, E. Lucier, F. Flint, J. Branche. THIRD ROW: Assistant Coach Kirby, D. Hall, J. Tompkins, J. Tobin, W. Matson, J. Miller, E. Tripp, F. Baldwin, B. Prindle, P. Lamb, Coach Chinatti. FRONT ROW: S. Hansell, N. Quackenbos, L. Irvin.



FOOTBALL CHEERLEADERS, Left to Right: Sally Stahovec, Angie Maccagnan, Captain Phyllis Pidgeon, Patty Walsh, Milly Lanfranchi, Molly Moore.



Hey, Phyl, what an arch!



Dig, Ed!



Who's got the ball?



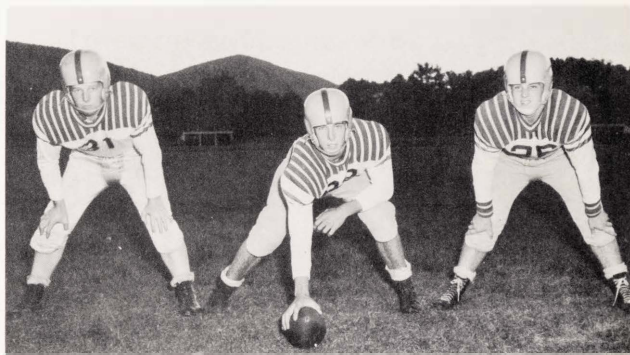
Graduating Gridiron Gladiators



Coach talks technique



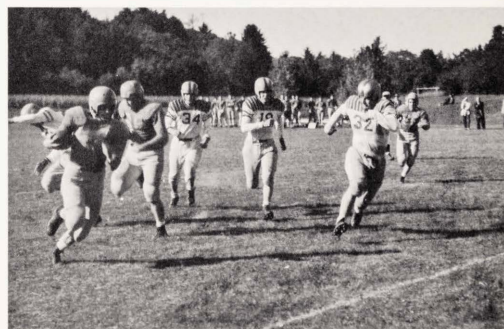
Managers Stu, Leroy, and Nick



Signal, set!



Stop that man!



End run by Simsbury

varsity basketball



Standing, Left to Right: Mr. Kirby, C. Hardy, J. Berti, F. Thibault, C. Dakin, B. Prindle, J. Tompkins, T. Blakey, Coach Chinatti. Kneeling: Manager R. Carley, E. Tripp, Co-captains D. Hall and P. Lamb, F. Baldwin.

VARSITY SCHEDULE

		Regional		
Simsbury	38	39	Gilbert	74
Terryville	59	43	Terryville	71
Roosevelt	75	53	Simsbury	68
Pittsfield	65	41	Darien	76
Pittsfield	46	47	Litchfield	63
Alumni	39	38	Gilbert	74
Lee	42	46	Darien	76
Roosevelt	76	45	Thomaston	67
Litchfield	64	58		
Thomaston	65	62		
			1138	919

varsity cheerleaders



Left to Right: M. Pitcher, K. Schwab, Captain K. Tompkins, G. Gillette, A. Segalla.



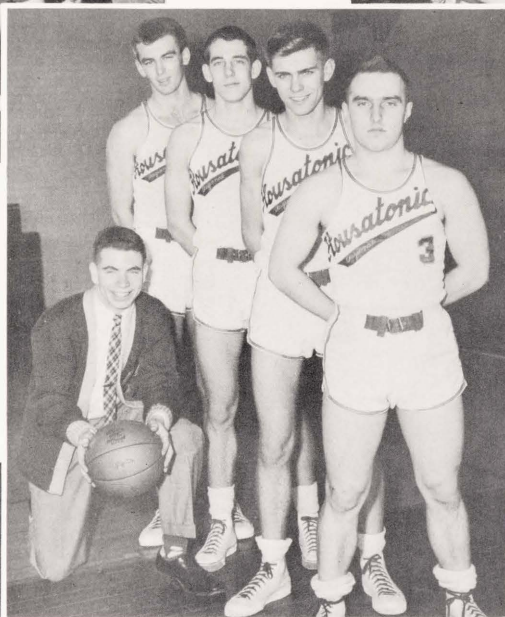
Nice shot, John!



All that goes up comes down.

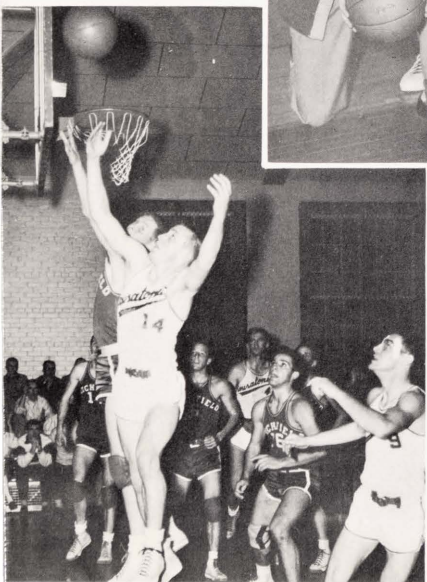


Hey, Lou.



Come on, Jacque.

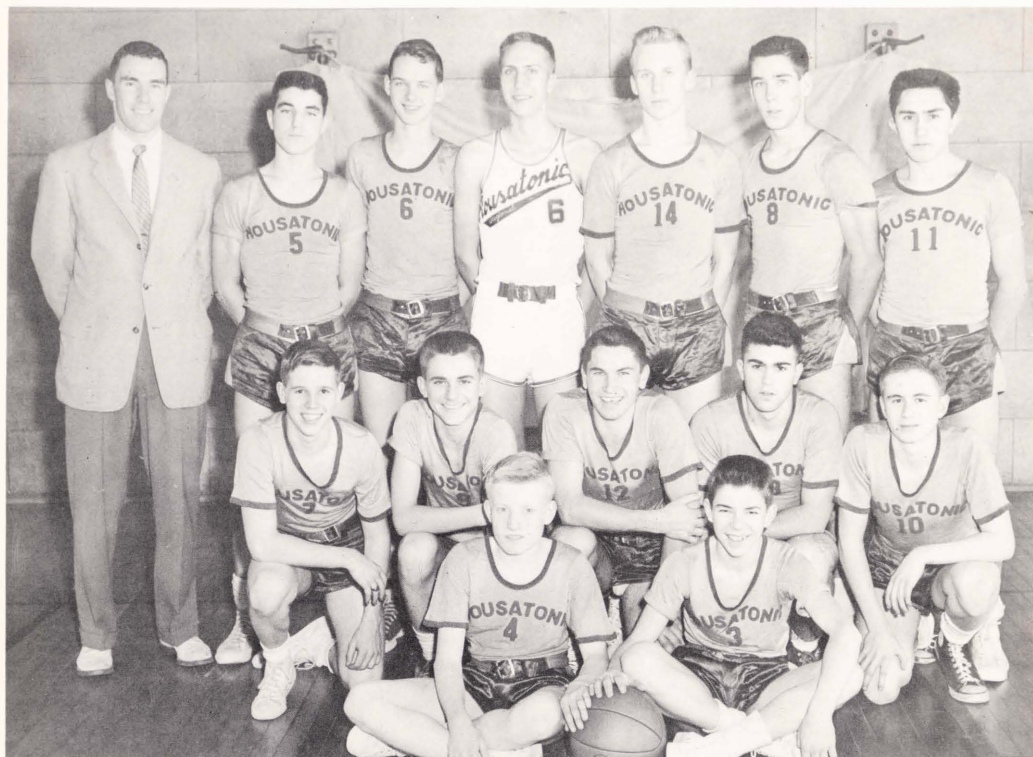
Regional battles Litchfield.



Big five.



junior varsity basketball



Standing, Left to Right: Coach Kirby, E. Lucier, G. Swanson, F. Thibault, C. Dakin, B. Prindle, F. Segalla.
Second Row: J. Luning, L. Hardy, F. Flint, R. Perticone, E. McGuire. Seated: L. Irving, D. Perry.

junior varsity cheerleaders

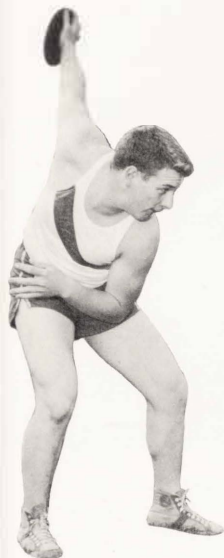
JUNIOR VARSITY SCHEDULE

		Regional
Simsbury	14	22
Terryville	45	27
Pittsfield	32	28
Roosevelt	40	24
Roosevelt	39	41
Litchfield	46	37
Thomaston	44	38
Gilbert	36	42
Terryville	46	32
Simsbury	57	36
Litchfield	43	54
Gilbert	53	33
Thomaston	50	58
Totals	545	472



Left to Right: P. Piretti, M. Sleighter, Captain K. Tompkins, S. Beckley, V. MacNeil.

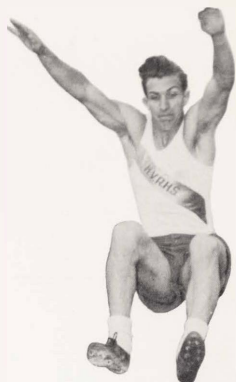
track



A good man with the discus

1954 MEETS

April 29		
Regional 62	Litchfield 54	New Milford 11
May 6		
Regional 88	Bethel 38	
May 12		
Regional 57	Hotchkiss 49	Berkshire 23
May 20		
Regional 53	Arlington 42	
May 27 — League Meet		
Regional 67	Litchfield 58	Bethel 34
New Milford 27	Woodbury 4	
June 5 — State Championship Meet at Yale		
A good time was had by all		



Nice form, Nick!

The year 1954 heralded what might be called the rebirth of the track squad. Powered by such athletes as Dick Cantele, Jim Miller, Phil Harvey, Nick Graf, and Herb Lee, Regional emerged with an undefeated season, won the League Meet, and shattered numerous records.

Records were broken when Dick Cantele heaved the shot 42'8" and let the javelin sail

for a distance of 153 feet. Phil Harvey captured new records for the 440- and 880-yard dashes, while a fast relay team, consisting of Harvey, Cantele, Smith, and Graf, won in 1 minute 39 seconds.

The team performed so well that it entered the State Championship Meet at New Haven.



STANDING, Left to Right: Manager W. Palmer, M. Sweet, P. Harvey, J. Peterson, J. Miller, P. Fulco, D. Mercer, J. Branche, Coach Travis. KNEELING: H. Lee, J. Dorizzi, R. Cantele, P. Smith, A. Graf.

baseball



STANDING, Left to Right: L. Stine, A. Febroriello, B. Prindle, T. Parsons, J. Berti, Coach Bedini, D. Hall, J. Tobin, E. Tripp, H. Stapleton. SEATED: J. Tompkins, J. Bristol, R. Baldwin, J. Hurley, P. Lamb, D. Piretti, F. Testa, R. Riley, F. Baldwin.

BASEBALL SCHEDULE 1954

Gilbert	8
Williams	0
Danbury	7
Hotchkiss	0
Roosevelt	5
Watertown	0
Pittsfield	0

Torrington	2
Sacred Heart	10
Simsbury	3
Danbury	2
Roosevelt	4
Watertown	5

Regional

9	
7	
14	
5	
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Pete fires one in!

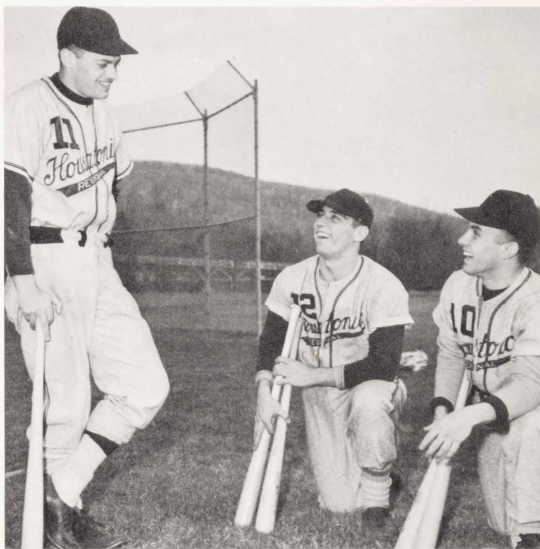
Stretch, Freddie!



Things get tense in the new dugout.

Regional's nine had a most successful season in the spring of 1954. With two of the best pitchers in the hills of Connecticut, our team made a distinguished record of thirteen wins and no losses. The game with Williams High School of Stockbridge was a no-hitter hurled by left-hander Jack Bristol with a score of seven to nothing. Peter Lamb, then a junior, had a remarkable season with nine victories to his credit. He returned with his fine right arm to lead the 1955 team.

Although Regional, a Class "B" school, played four schools of Class "A" rating, it still registered a remarkable record. Everyone will remember the undefeated 1954 season because of the fine team spirit that was displayed during Coach Bedini's last year at Regional.



Coach and captains confer.



Whew! Close!



"Big" Frank connects.

intramurals



basketball teams - captains

Standing, Left to Right: Mr. Kirby, R. Hickey, J. Miller, F. Griswold, R. Kenny, A. Febroriello, Miss Dodd. Kneeling: J. Luning, R. Seiller, N. Hart, M. Cooley, T. Atkins, L. Irving. Seated: C. Tessman, D. Hickey, B. Stratman, A. Calli, K. Tompkins, D. Conklin, D. Corter, K. Smith.



weightlifters

Standing, Left to Right: Coach Chinatti, J. Peterson, R. Harvey, R. Calhoun, H. Lee, L. Jones, W. Bloss, J. Miller, N. Graf. Kneeling: H. Jones, J. Pedone, G. Fisher, R. Conklin, D. Holmes, B. Boibeaux, A. Gandolfo.

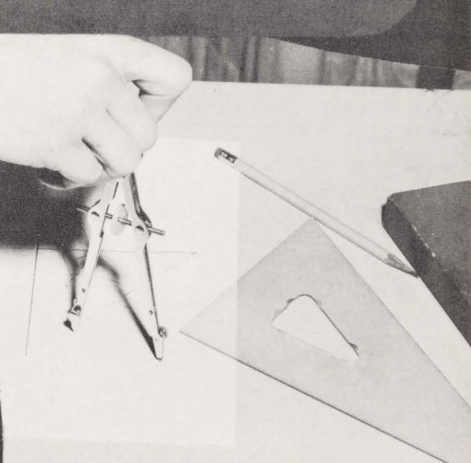
cross country

Standing, Left to Right: Coach Chinatti, G. Swanson, H. Lee, R. Bonford, L. Hardy. Kneeling: R. Pozzi, J. Luning, G. Fisher, R. Sieller, J. Gobilat, B. Boibeaux.



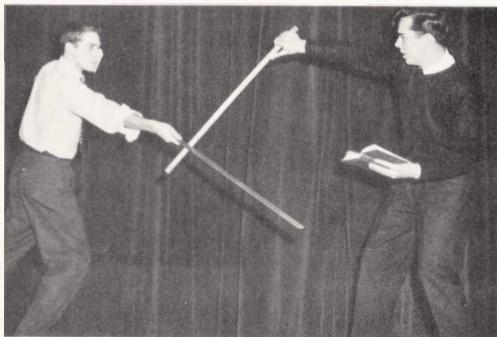


curriculum



languages

Language developed from grunts and yells. In fact, some people still communicate in this way. Preventing any further reversion to the cave-man stage is the task of Regional's language departments.



The actions are primitive, but the speech in this scene from *Hamlet* could be only Shakespeare's work. Students try their talents in acting the tragedy.



A school-wide bookjacket contest livens up the institution of the book report.



Budding intellectuals are introduced to *The Atlantic Monthly* as part of Junior College English.



French students struggle with phonetics in an effort to master the spoken language.



The finishing touch — a Roman Banquet. Caesar never had it so good.

science and mathematics

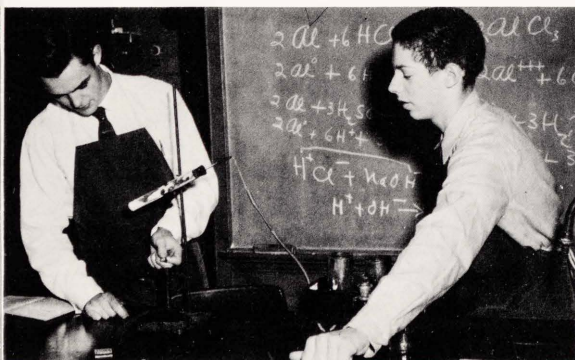
Scientific research is seldom a cushy job. Occupational hazards are many, and the situation at Regional is no different. Test tubes are broken, sudden explosions occur, and a fair number of other miscalculations are produced. But the work goes on.



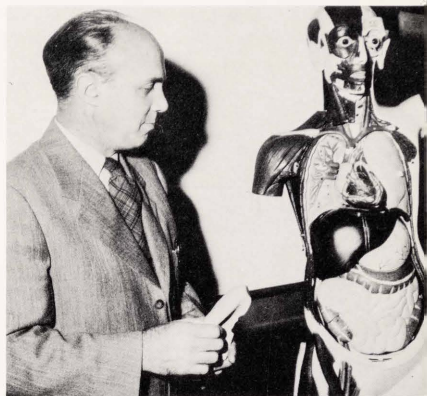
Research (swallowing what others have digested) is the first step in solving a scientific problem.



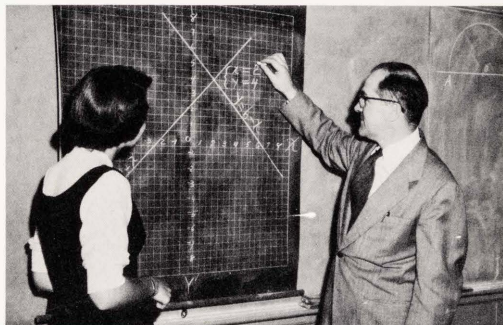
The microscope is used in the hope of discovering a new species.



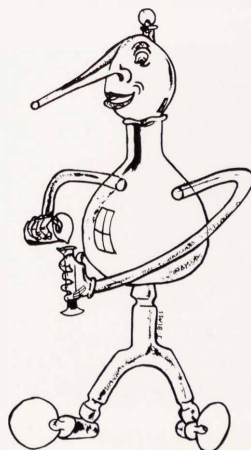
A typical lab — reaction expected any minute.



Oscar and Mr. Travis clear up misunderstandings.



The answer



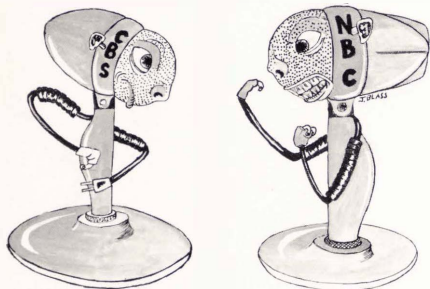
social studies



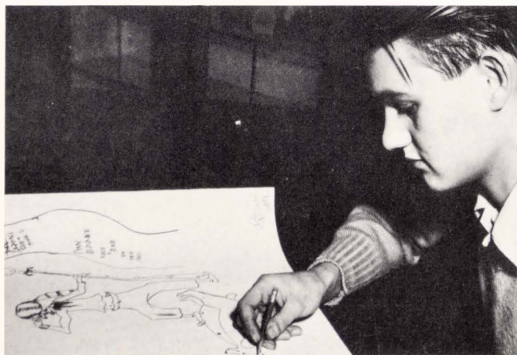
Smells of coffee from the kitchen and Dr. Stoddard's Contemporary Problems lecture awaken weary students.



A demonstration of hypnosis puts them back to sleep.



A debate provides an opportunity for "calm" discussion as the students finally get rolling.



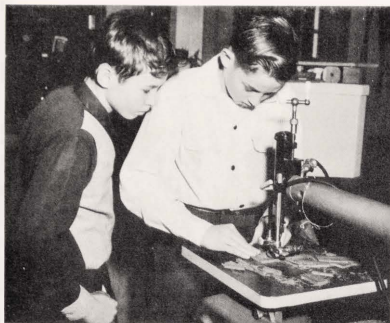
Cartoons bring history as up to date as today's newspaper.



The day ends with finding out "where we're at."

vocational studies

industrial arts



Operating a scroll-saw is one of the more advanced steps in the Industrial Arts student's first year.

vocational agriculture



The "Aggies" — Regional's plutocrats — make a profitable business of selling Christmas trees and wreaths from their plantation.

homemaking



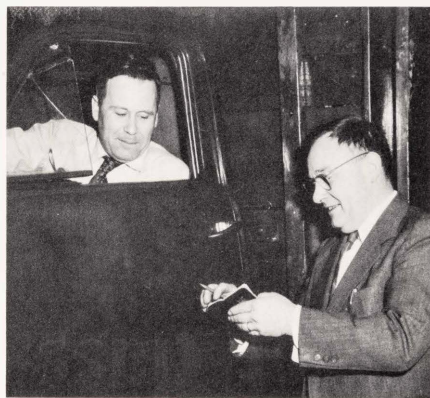
With the vogue of chefs' caps and aprons, the boys invade the kitchen to master culinary arts in the Home and Family Living courses.



Regional is a workshop as well as an intellectual grindstone. From the new wing the buzz of a circular saw cuts into the hiss of a welding job. At the opposite end of the building the whirr of sewing machines mingles with the clack of typewriters.



Soldering and welding are practical operations mastered in the course.



Even a teacher gets a chance to use the Ag truck once in a while.



The girls, however, still do their own sewing.

commercial studies



Secretarial work involves more than sitting on the boss's lap. Efficiency and skill are the basis of the commercial student's education.



Advanced students delve into numerous tasks, which include filing and operation of the adding machine and mimeoscope.

music

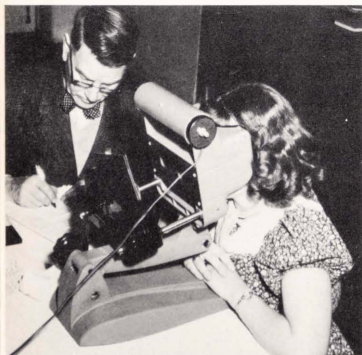


The orchestra — "The Meder Beaters"



"I knew not what I was playing."

driver education



Hot-rod kids are on their way out. Safe and sane attitudes are being "driven" into the minds of our future drivers in the Driver Education course.



arts and crafts



The art department, one of the most active and fast-growing at Regional, is of invaluable service to clubs, students, and the school.

class officers

senior class

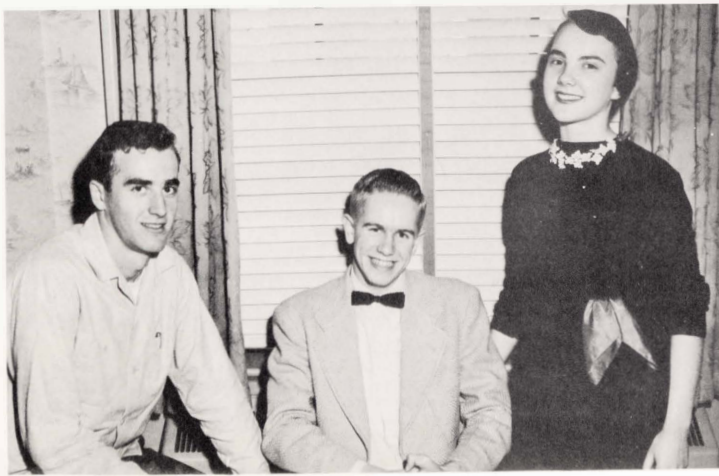
Joseph Roberts	President
August Graf	Vice-president
Jean Tatsapaugh	Secretary
Mildred Lanfranchi	Treasurer

Standing: A. Graf. Seated,
Left to Right: J. Tatsapaugh,
J. Roberts, M. Lanfranchi.



junior class

Fred Baldwin	President
Fred Griswold	Vice-president
Linda Kelsey	Secretary
David Riley	Treasurer



Left to Right: D. Riley, F.
Baldwin, L. Kelsey. Absent:
F. Griswold.

junior class



Top Row, Left to Right: A. VanDyk, H. Lee, B. Prindle, F. Griswold, J. Tompkins, J. Clark, J. Berti, J. Kopf, J. Corcoran, J. Ghidossi, T. Byrnes, S. Jennings. Second Row: T. Blakey, H. Boyles, A. Febbroriello, D. Riley, J. Peyron, E. Sinclair, W. Bloss, V. Harvey, F. Baldwin, R. Leis, T. Coons, M. Leclerc. Third Row: P. Wallach, D. Black, R. Clapp, D. Mercer, A. Bierce, P. Fulco, P. Schwab, J. Sterry, F. Segalla, H. Stapleton, R. Ware, J. Pedone, N. Stackelberg, L. Stine. Seated: W. Hageman, J. Branche, J. Corno, F. McCann, C. Coons, H. Jones, W. Schreiber, W. Barr, K. Paine, G. Pulver, S. Brickman, D. Brown.

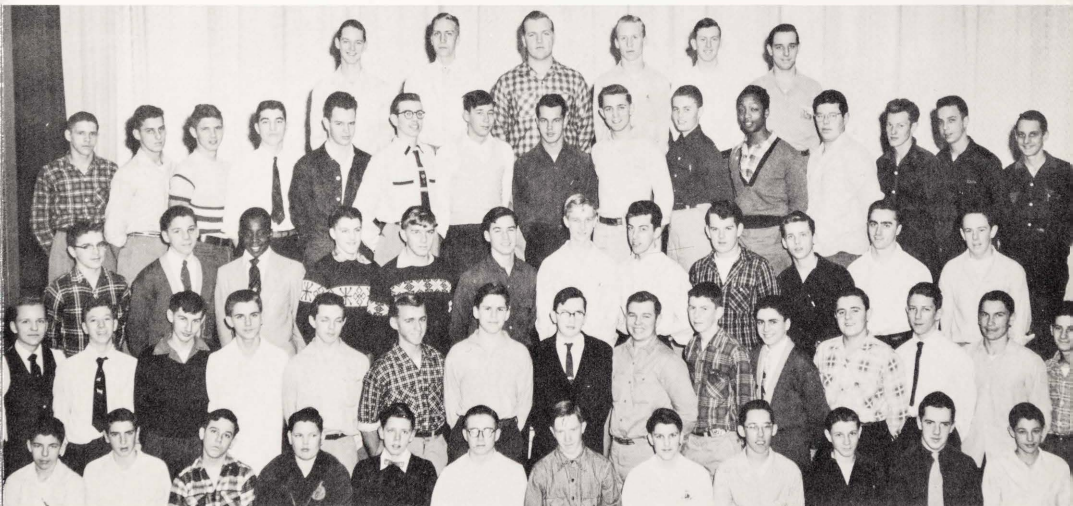


Back Row, Left to Right: S. Oliver, N. Benedict, J. Gottschalk, M. Pinney, M. Rundall, R. Palmer, G. Tripp, J. Clyburn. Second Row: D. Pettit, E. Brandt, T. Solan, A. Faltermeier, C. Gold, C. Boone, A. Johnson, C. Johnson, M. Mather, P. Walsh, J. Canfield, M. Pitcher, J. O'Brien, C. Leonard, B. Rate, E. Stephens, K. Stephens. Third Row: M. Parmalee, P. Athoe, C. Wagner, N. Devaux, J. Parmalee, F. Starr, R. Lindbergh, P. Dower, P. Mani, S. Conlon, P. Murphy, M. Johnson. Fourth Row: L. Dwy, C. Schofield, E. Doty, T. Lucier, S. Schreiber, P. Gove, D. Perry, L. Kelsey, J. Hayburn, C. Eiby, P. Mansfield, H. Curtis, V. MacNeil, S. Parsons, B. Griffin, K. Egan, J. Albright. Seated: M. Wood, C. Leffingwell, J. de Marcken, S. Ongley, B. Monroe, A. Prouse, C. Spadaccini, J. Cambridge, B. Sondrini, P. Senior, N. Aakjar, P. Stuart.

sophomore class



Top Row, Left to Right: G. Sherwood, V. Griffin, J. Steele, M. Cruikshank, C. Solan, S. Owens, S. Babuin, S. Downing, A. Saire, H. Becker, M. Lamb, A. Moseley, J. Jessup, I. Morey. Second Row: N. Guitlsher, S. St. Charles, R. Flanagan, P. Gobillat, A. Maccagnan, M. Vosburgh, M. Gibson, J. Riva, V. Rosseter, L. Consolini, J. Gilligan, L. Cheseboro, L. Ambjorsen, N. Smedick, S. Dunn, P. Goodnow, F. Harris, J. Perrotti, L. Elder, J. Kauttu, L. Coleman. Third Row: C. Williams, R. Kopf, N. Dodd, K. Bristol, H. Lakin, S. Beckley, L. Dawson, G. Comp, J. Coe, N. Smith, J. Bates, A. Ives. Fourth Row: E. Schneider, M. Sutherland, C. Semke, M. O'Connell, D. Berry, N. Boyd, L. Gillette, E. Odell, M. Baker, E. Gagnier, I. Lane, B. Bennett, R. Morrow, J. Patchen, M. Paley, J. Zucco. Seated: L. McGarry, B. Plonski, M. Curtis, S. Bayley, B. Adams, D. Clark, B. Cote, R. Brault, D. Ford, M. Cattelan, C. Dower, V. Consolini.



Top Row, Left to Right: G. Swanson, F. Thibault, R. Brandt, C. Dakin, L. Jones, F. Palmer. Second Row: H. McBride, A. Peretti, R. Aakjar, E. Lucier, J. Gund, S. Rivard, T. Tweed, B. Zinke, R. Calhoun, T. Parsons, J. Gordon, H. Lethbridge, R. Silverale, E. Eichstedt, C. Beyer. Third Row: R. Stapleton, P. Salwacki, G. Fisher, J. Barnett, R. Gagnier, R. Porter, J. Trudeau, H. Barker, D. Bartholomew, C. Wilford, T. Riley, A. Strong. Fourth Row: R. Loverin, N. Hart, M. Casey, L. Hardy, R. Lush, G. Edwards, S. Pratt, R. Gilpatric, D. Ackerman, J. Preston, M. Bartone, L. Cattelan, S. Hansell, F. Flint, L. Dumont. Seated: D. Perry, D. Segalla, J. Wright, W. Monroe, J. Connolly, E. McGuire, E. O'Dell, W. Barnett, J. Gawel, C. Pickert, B. de Marcken, N. Quackenbos.

freshman class



Top Row, Left to Right: J. Prindle, M. Gentile, M. Czernin, J. Blass, G. Leis, L. Carlson. Second Row: J. Woodin, D. Perrone, J. Lobbay, R. De Barbieri, M. Hutchinson, K. Zetterstrom, S. Terhune, G. Metcalfe, E. Stapleton, M. May, E. Becker, N. Svehla, L. Byrnes, J. Fish. Third Row: D. Conklin, E. Rudd, C. Smith, E. Rand, S. Couse, K. Parsons, G. Decker, D. Carter, S. Fallon, B. Corberry, J. Andrus, R. Cathcart, D. Prindle, R. Peirce, E. Haskell, J. Goodnow, E. Droke, J. Giulian, P. Thrall, J. Daniels, D. Miner. C. Tompkins, R. Twing. Fourth Row: D. Hickey, M. Dufour, J. Wells, N. Bailey, S. Gavell, L. Stuhman, A. Sartori, G. Gilderdale, S. Blass, J. Menti, D. Ammerman, S. Tompkins. Fifth Row: J. Perosino, J. Schlock, J. Peterson, M. Wilson, L. Ford, G. O'Dell, N. Farnum, L. Hunter, J. Andrews, G. Aldrich, M. Carroll, A. King, J. Wright, P. Curtis, A. Zimmermann, J. Isaksen. Seated: P. Houston, M. Conlon, E. Small, A. Athoe, V. Drake, J. Grimes, J. Clapp, D. Tessman, J. Gordon, C. Dower, L. McGarry, J. Stuart.



Top Row, Left to Right: G. Barney, R. Davis, T. Atkins, K. H. Chase, G. Drumm, R. Perticone, R. Hickey, C. Hague, G. Dean, P. Waugh, J. Lakin, J. Boyd, R. Fallon, D. Warner, R. Kenney, L. Bachetti, J. Bartram, D. O'Connell, R. McLane. Second Row: R. Calmore, J. Maglio, P. MacNeil, R. Whitney, W. Palmer, J. Mansir, J. Matheson, R. Bliven, T. Fallon, J. Irwin, R. Bohnmann, C. Beaugon. Third Row: A. Duke, P. Dennis, R. Cirone, W. Crump, B. Boibeaux, F. Hurliman, J. Clyburn, J. Belter, G. Miller, L. MacNeil, P. Brozee, K. L. Chase, John Mansfield, J. Luning, H. Gobillot, B. Carr, R. Sieller, R. Stachelek, R. Allyn, C. Silvernale. Seated: R. Austin, A. Hart, F. Brown, L. Joray, L. Irving, R. Pozzi, H. Place, T. Gailes, James Mansfield, A. Gandolfo, R. Peterson, R. Frost.

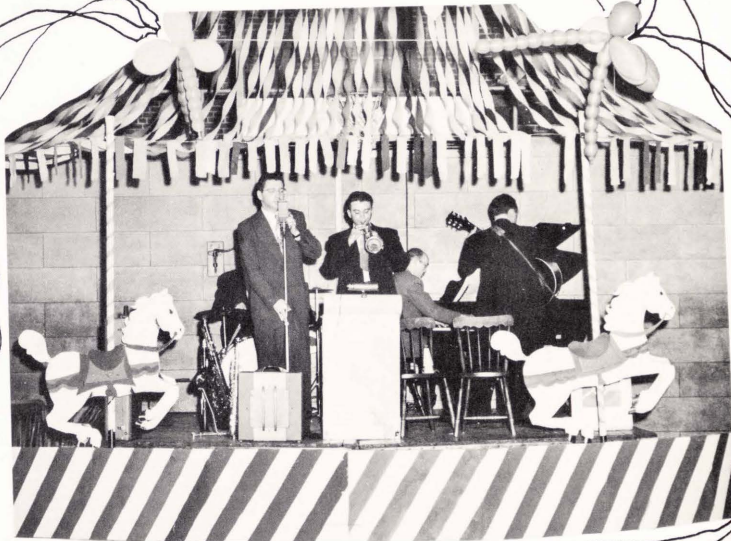


activities

Class With
Lemon Brown

carnival carrousel

Multi-colored balloons and gay booths provided a gala atmosphere for the Student Council's CARNIVAL CARROUSEL on May 1, 1954. Incoming couples wandered around the gym, stopping to throw darts at portraits of the teachers, having their fortunes told, or dancing to the music of the Debonairs. For those taking a brief respite from the dance, tables were set up in the courtyard, where refreshments were served and entertainment provided by school talent. Managed by Philip Hart and Faye Harmon, the affair furnished an evening of novel entertainment.



junior assembly

From the high-kicking can-can girls of New Orleans to the snoring bums on a bench in New York's Central Park, the 1954 Junior Assembly gaily carried out the musical theme of "Melody Streets" in American cities. The whole cast greatly appreciated the hard work of the co-chairmen, Mildred Lanfranchi and Anthony Barker, and the generous assistance of Mrs. Scriber, who gave up so much of her time to be our director. As usual, the good time everyone had was an experience that will always be remembered and cherished by the cast.



"Apples, Peaches, and Cherries"



We all can "can-can"



"zzz — zzzz"

"C'est si bon!"



"You've Got That Look"



"Manhattan" mob scene

senior play



"The Revolt of Mother"

"THE RICH, FULL LIFE"

by VINA DELMAR

APRIL 15 and 16, 1955

CAST

Lou Fenwick	Helena Dower
Mother Fenwick	Frederica Mills, Margarita Conklin
Carrie	Marilyn Sleighter
Cynthia	Wanda Hutchinson
Fredonia	Katharine Schwab
Lawrence	Miles Novy
Fred	Walter Carlin, Stanley Brady
Ricky Latham	Joseph Roberts, Daniel Hall
Business Managers	Faye Harmon, Mary Smedick
Prompters	Pamela Bartholomew, Faye Harmon
Director	Mr. Donald Kobler

PLAY COMMITTEE

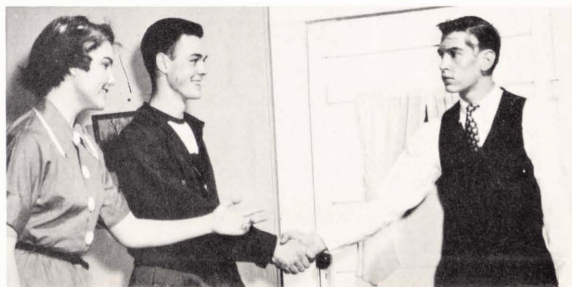
Joseph Roberts	John Blass
Frederica Mills	Catherine Hanf



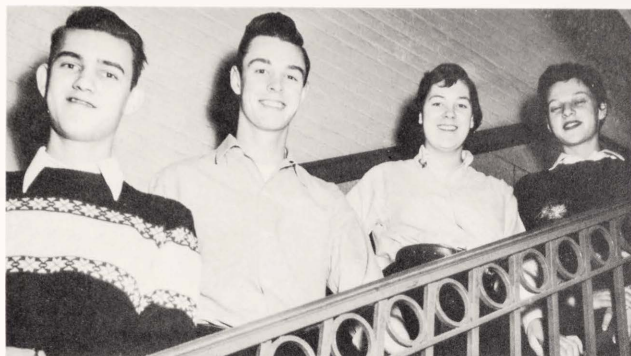
Rogue's Gallery



The Verdict

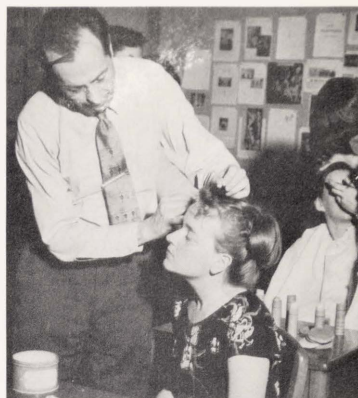


Enter Romeo



PLAY COMMITTEE

Left to right: J. Blass, J. Roberts, F. Mills, C. Hanf.



"New Faces of 1955"



Family Pow-Wow



Descend Juliet



Helena Becomes Lou Fenwick



"The Women"



How does it fit, anyway?



THE COMMITTEE

STANDING, Left to Right: M. Navy, J. Roberts, Mr. England. SEATED: W. Hutchinson, C. Brazzale, M. Smedick, E. Posselt.

The last dance



moonlight serenade

On May 29, 1954, the class of 1955 presented the traditional big spring dance, The Junior Prom.

Many weeks prior to this date we were busily preparing for the coming event. Mr. England was selected as our faculty adviser, and committees were organized to carry out numerous tasks. The gym was decorated in silver and blue, with a mixed assortment of flowers lining the bleachers, bandstand, and throne. Delicious refreshments were served on the balcony.

The big night finally arrived. Ruling over the gay festivities were Anna Colli, Junior Prom Queen, and the attendants of the Royal Court.

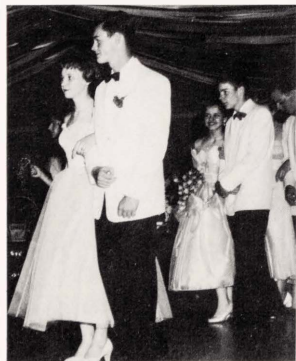
One o'clock came all too soon, but we shall never forget our "Moonlight Serenade"!



Radiant queen



The queen and attendants



Going someplace?



Eileen



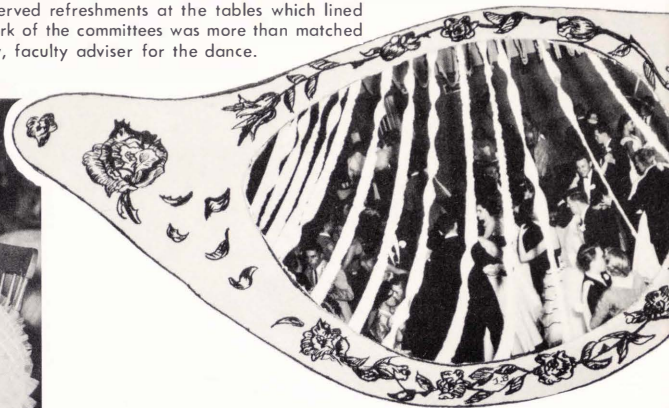
Smile

la vie en rose

"Life through Rose Colored Glasses," the theme of the Senior Ball, was an optimistic note on which to finish the year 1954. The seniors did an ingenious job of decorating the gymnasium with gay streamers of red and white, with a cluster of bright balloons in the center of the tent-like ceiling. The walls were covered with paper roses and large cut-out champagne glasses. Francis Delfino supplied the melodies, while smart-appearing waiters selected from the freshman class served refreshments at the tables which lined both sides of the dance floor. The hard work of the committees was more than matched by the efforts and enthusiasm of Mr. Kirby, faculty adviser for the dance.



Sitting this one out
Senior Ball Committee



At the tables down at Regional



Standing, Left to Right: B. Cecchinato, E. Mansir, M. Novy, C. Hardy, R. Sackett, P. Pidgeon. Seated, Left to Right: D. Hall, B. Johnson.



The Grand March goes on and on.



Mr. Kirby, adviser



The walkathon



Garçons! Garçons!



Coming down the home stretch



senior reflections



Best Looking
Anna Colli Jerry Tobin



Most Liked
Miles Novy



Class Wit
Molly Moore Billy Palmer



Best Dresser
Pamela Bartholomew Stanley Brady



Best Dancer
Jean Tatsopaugh Miles Novy



Best Disposition
Nicky Graf Barbara Johnson



Best Mixer
Bucky Segalla Phyllis Pidgeon



Best Actor
Walter Carlin



to Succeed
Betty Posselt



Done Most for the School
Faye Harmon Danny Hall



Best Athlete
Beverly Stratman Peter Lamb



Most Original
Tony Barker Wanda Hutchinson



Most Popular
Jean Tatsapaugh Joe Roberts



Ideal Sister — Brother
Mildred Lonfranchi Philip Hart



— Actress
Catherine Hanf



Class Musician
Fritzie Mills Walter Matson

Class Favorites
Favorite Teacher: Mrs. Scriber
Favorite Movie: "On the Waterfront"
Favorite Song: "The High and the Mighty"
Favorite Actor: Marlon Brando
Favorite Actress: Grace Kelly
Favorite Sport: Basketball

class day



Standing, Left to Right: M. Novy, J. Tobin. Seated: L. Segalla, E. Posselt, J. Tatsapough, B. Palmer, C. Hardy.
Missing: F. Harmon, C. Hanf, M. Moore.

The traditional Class Day assembly was held on June 10, the last day of classes for the year. In their farewell gesture to the school, the seniors read the class history, will, prophecy, and poem. The dedication of the yearbook was also announced and the

first copy presented to Mrs. Scriber. Yearbooks were distributed at the close of assembly, and students left school with a week of examinations ahead of them before the 1954-1955 scholastic year was brought to a close.

class history

Faye Harmon
Bucky Segalla

class will

Jeannie Tatsapough
Billy Palmer

class poem

Morning flecks the trees with gold
And fills the shadow's vacant place
With sparkling light . . .
A new day is coming.
The oak raises its branches
In quiet benediction
The river winds its peaceful way
Down to the sea.
Beyond the pain, the dark, the phantom-filled,
Beyond the thirst of loneliness,
Beyond the quick machinery of death,
A new day is coming.
Soon? As close as a heartbeat.
Near? As far as a hand can reach.

Betty Posselt

class prophecy

Molly Moore
Miles Novy

class favorites

Cathering Hanf
Cedric Hardy

class poem

Jerry Tobin
Betty Posselt

ave atque vale

Next year returning students will miss the lively and engaging personality of Mrs. May Camp, whose resignation becomes effective this June. Mrs. Camp has been an important force in Regional life since the school opened in 1939. Hundreds of students have enjoyed her classes in both the old high school at North Canaan and the newer Regional school.

As a student at Smith College, Mrs. Camp majored in Latin and Greek. Following her graduation in 1910, she accepted a position in the North Canaan High School. During her first two years at the Canaan school, she revised the entire course of study for the English Department. Marriage interrupted her teaching career, but nine years later she returned, first as a substitute and later as a full-time teacher.

For several years Mrs. Camp devoted her services not only to her classes but also to acting as adviser for the NORTHWEST CORNER and WHITE OAK. She found it necessary to give up these activities when she assumed responsibility for the Latin Club. Under her leadership, the Latin Club, known as *Nos Septem Collum*, has become an outstanding organization. The club is best known for its productions of the Roman Brinquet. On two occasions this unusual display of Roman tradition and custom has won national recognition in professional magazines: once in the *Classical Journal* (January, 1950) and again in the *Auxilium Latinum* (April-May, 1952).



In 1941 Mrs. Camp was honored by election to the National Teachers' Association, an organization of teachers who are considered to be the top ten per cent. in the nation. Students and alumni in the area enthusiastically endorsed the selection of Mrs. Camp for this honor.

Those who have studied under Mrs. Camp will never forget her, not only for her teaching, but also for her good-natured disposition and sympathetic understanding. On behalf of her present and former students, THE 1955 WHITE OAK wishes Mrs. Camp continued happiness and prosperity.



PROGRAM OF EXERCISES
at the
SIXTEENTH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT

CLASS OF 1955

Friday, June 17, 1955 — 8:15 O'Clock

DR. PAUL W. STODDARD, *Presiding*

1. Organ Prelude
2. March of the Priests Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy
3. The National Anthem
4. Invocation Reverend James Winchester Hyde
St. John's Protestant Episcopal Church, Salisbury
5. Hymn — O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST Isaac Watts
Tune — St. Anne
6. Salutatory Barbara Elizabeth Johnson
7. Essays Catherine Hanf, Miles Joseph Novy, Katharine Schwab
8. Commencement Address The Honorable Prescott Sheldon Bush
United States Senator from Connecticut
9. Valedictory Elizabeth Rosalind Posselt
10. Presentation of the Class of 1955 Wilmer L. Shultz
District Superintendent of Schools
11. Presentation of Diplomas G. Edward Byers
12. The Oath of Athenian Youth
13. Award of Good Citizenship and Sportsmanship Medals
14. Presentation of Award of Merit
15. Hymn — "AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL" Katherine Lee Bates
Tune — Materna
16. Benediction Reverend Mr. Hyde
17. Recessional March (Opus 8) Ernest W. Barnard
18. Organ Postlude

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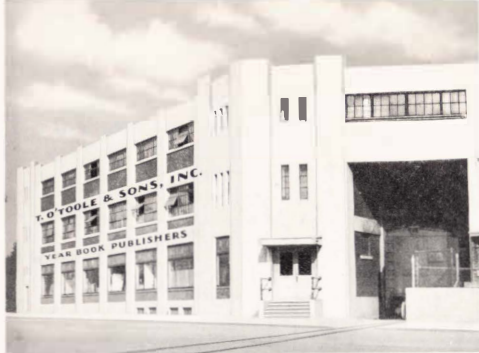
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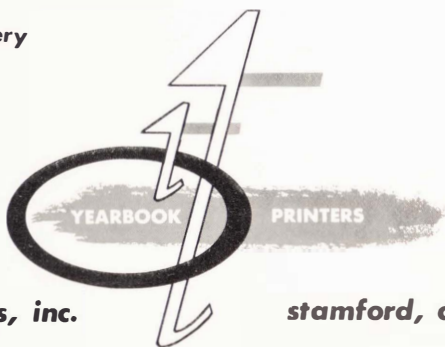
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